

ENT Statewide referral criteria – referral requirements

| Clinical condition | Do not refer* | Symptom history - onset, duration, frequency | Smoking hx | Alcohol intake | Previous medical management | Site of mass/lumps | Epistaxis | Diagnostic audiology assessment | Diagnostic vestibular physiotherapy assessment | Medication | Weight | Anticoagulant therapy status | CT scan /ultrasound/ biopsy | MCS ear swab | TSH & T4 results | FBE |
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| Acute nasal fracture | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bilateral/assymetrical hearing loss | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Dysphagia (ENT) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Discharging ear | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | |
| Hoarse voice (Dysphonia) | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Neck mass or lumps | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | ✓ | | | ✓ |
| Obstructive sleep apnoea | | ✓ | | | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | |
| Recurrent tonsillitis | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | | | |
| Rhinosinusitis | | ✓ | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | |
| Salivary gland disorder or mass | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thyroid mass | | ✓ | | | | | | | | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | |
| Tinnitus | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | | | | | | | | |
| Vertigo | | ✓ | | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | | |
| * The RMH do not accept referrals for this condition | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |