



# REFERRAL GUIDELINES

## CLAMS Consult Liaison Addiction Medicine Specialist

**Referrals:** Accepted only by GP via **ACCESS 1300 665 781**  
Or Complete the **ACCESS referral form** and tick other – and write  
CLAMS

### Clinic overview:

The Consultation Liaison Addiction Medicine (CLAMS) Outpatient Clinic is part of the broader continuum of care for the client where specialist consultation, assessment, care planning and review can be conducted for clients who have significant Alcohol and Other Drugs and pharmaceutical dependency impacting on their wellbeing.

### Categories for Appointment:

**Category 1 Urgent** - Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid Dependence, Alcohol Withdrawal, high risk polysubstance use

**Category 2** – Review/Secondary consultation, complex polysubstance dependencies (including those with prescription medication dependencies).

### Eligibility Criteria

Clients who require clarification/rationalisation of medication such as anti-cravings, opioid replacement therapy, alcohol withdrawal pharmacotherapy, secondary consultation to support community management plans.

### Exclusions

Patients already managed under other Alcohol and Other Drug specialist services

### Alternative referral options

Drug and Alcohol Clinical advisory Service (Dacas) 1800 812 804  
24 hours per day, 7 days a week  
General Practice Clinical Advisory Service (Gpcas) 1800 812 804

For non-urgent and less complex matters relating to AOD with the response time within two business days.

### IMPORTANT:

The following referral information is required

#### Referral:

- Date of referral
- Speciality
- Referring practitioner name
- Provider Number
- Referrer's signature

#### Patient Demographic:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Postal address
- Contact numbers
- Medicare Number

#### Clinical:

- Reason for referral
- Duration of symptoms
- Management to date
- Past medical history
- Current medications
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- Next of kin

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### Minimum Referral Information Required

Please note, referral cannot be processed if minimum information is missing)

- History of substance use and any details of previous Alcohol and/or Other Drug treatment
- Background of other mental health diagnosis
- Current Medication Assisted Treatment for Opioid dependence
- Current medications
- Co-morbid health conditions – particularly where they are affected by the persons substance use
- Brief psychosocial information particularly housing and supports

### Clinic information:

Frankston Integrated Health Centre  
Clinic operates on Monday each week

### Other information:

Please provide all relevant information including any recent pathology undertaken and pharmacy details.

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