

REFERRAL GUIDELINES: **ORTHOPAEDICS - SANDRINGHAM HOSPITAL****Essential Referral Content**

Demographic	Clinical
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Date of birth • Contact details (including mobile phone) • Referring GP details • Interpreter requirements • Medicare number 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason for referral • Duration of symptoms • Relevant pathology & imaging reports • Past medical history • Current medications

The Alfred Outpatient Referral Form is available to print and fax to the Outpatient Department on 9076 1252

**Exclusion Criteria****The following conditions are not routinely seen at Sandringham Specialist Consulting Clinics:**

- Patients who are being treated for the same condition at another Victorian public hospital
- Surgical consultation for children under 18 years of age
- Patients who are at high anaesthetic risk
- Patients with BMI >40

Patients with a high anaesthetic risk may be referred to The Alfred for further management.

Sandringham Hospital offers a limited Orthopaedic service including surgery for:

- Shoulders
- Hip and Knees (including Total Hip and Knee replacements)
- Ankles and Feet

Please see [The Alfred Orthopaedic referral guidelines](#) for more referral information for these conditions.

Further information regarding the specialists attending the Sandringham Orthopaedic clinic is available [here](#).

Please note: The times to assessment may vary depending on size and staffing of the hospital department.

If you are concerned about the delay of the outpatient appointment or if there is any deterioration in the patient's condition, please contact the Orthopaedic Registrar on call on 9076 1000.