General Referral

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Please note this referral is for ADMINISTRATION OF THERAPY ONLY, this does not constitute a referral for investigation or other management

PATIENT

Name: ..... **DOB:** ..... **Phone:** .....

Medicare No.: ..... *Ref No.:* .....

Allergies: .....

Indication for referred therapy: .....

Ferritin: ..... **Hb:** ..... **CREAT:** ..... **eGFR:** ..... *Date of result:* ..... **Weight:** .....kg

Pregnant: ☐ No ☐ Yes: (*Gestation in weeks* .....) ☐ **Fluid Restriction /Professional Athlete** ☐ **Heart Failure** ☐ **Renal Failure**

**** PLEASE ISSUE A VALID SCRIPT TO PATIENT FOR ALL REQUESTED DRUGS ****
The prescriber assumes all responsibility for gaining INFORMED CONSENT from the patient, the completion and review of relevant screening tests

IRON **(Pregnant women MUST be beyond 16 weeks gestation)**

☐ **Ferinject® 500mg IVI**
☐ **Ferinject® 1g IVI**
☐ **Ferinject® 1.5g IVI** (***divided doses***)
☐ **Ferinject® 2g IVI** (***divided doses***)

☐ **Monofer® 500mg IVI**
☐ **Monofer® 1g IVI**
☐ **Monofer® 1.5g IVI**
☐ **Monofer® 2g IVI** (***divided doses***)

☐ **OTHER IVI IRON ORDER** **Medication Name : .**.....
Dose: ..... mg **IVI** (*Once only dose*)

Patients weight _____kgs
Maximum single dose 20mg/kg

SIMPLIFIED DOSING TABLE
Determination of the need for Iron

Hb	Patient body weight	
g/L	35kg to <70kg	70kg & above
<100	1,500mg	2,000mg
100 to <140	1,000mg	1,500mg
=/> 140	500mg	500mg

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BISPHOSPHONATES

☐ **Aclasta® (*Zoledronic acid*)** 5 mg **IVI,** once
☐ **Pamisol® (*Pamidronate*):** **Dose IVI:** ..... **Frequency:** .....

ANTIEMETICS **Order is for a single dose unless otherwise specified**

☐ **Maxolon®** 10mg **IVI**
☐ **Stemetil®** 12.5mg **IVI**
☐ **Ondansetron** ☐ 4mg **IVI** ☐ 8mg **IVI**

ANTIBIOTICS **Order is for a single dose unless otherwise specified**

☐ **Cephazolin** ☐ 1g **IVI** ☐ 2g **IVI**
☐ **Ceftriaxone** ☐ 1g **IVI**
☐ **Ampicillin** ☐ 1g **IVI** ☐ 2g **IVI**

☐ **Gentamicin**
4-5mg/kg ideal weight;
Use lower end if CrCl<40ml/min
Dose: ..... mg **IVI**

INTRAVENOUS FLUIDS

☐ **Normal Saline 0.9%** ☐ 1L ☐ 500mL
☐ **Hartmann's** ☐ 1L ☐ 2L

Rate of infusion: .....

VENESECTION ORDER ☐ **For hereditary Haemochromatosis or PCV**

DRAW: ☐ 450mL Whole Blood (Standard)
☐ 250mL Whole Blood
☐ *Order valid for 12 months*

Frequency of venesections: ..... **Number:** .....

MIGRAINE / HEADACHE MANAGEMENT ☐ Order valid for 12 months (PRN)

☐ Fluids (*please specify under Intravenous Fluid Order*) ☐ Stemetil® 12.5mg IVI (*may cause drowsiness*) ☐ Paracetamol 1g **PO**

OTHER ORDER / NOTES **Please specify:** Drug, dose, route, frequency and duration. ***Contact us to confirm this medication is offered***

REFERRING DOCTOR *(Drs Signature essential for valid order)* **Please provide a new referral with each new prescription**

By signing below, I confirm that I am the prescribing practitioner and confirm this prescription is clinically appropriate and without contraindication. Clinical responsibility rests with the prescriber, and *The Infusion Clinic* administers medication in accordance with this prescription. I confirm I have obtained the patient's informed consent, including discussion of risks, benefits, and alternatives, and that consent may be withdrawn at any time.

Doctor's Name: ..... **Provider no.:** .....

Practice Address: ..... **Phone number:** .....

Doctors's Signature: ..... **Date:** .....

☐ Please send correspondence **via *HealthLink***
☐ Please send ***referral pads***

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Royal Randwick Shopping Centre

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Randwick

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Appointments:
Monday to Saturday

LIVERPOOL

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Level 3 | Suite 305
161 Bigge Street | LIVERPOOL

Parking:
Warren Serviceway Parking Station

Train:
Liverpool Railway Station

Phone: 1300 122 600

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Appointments:
Monday to Friday

MELBOURNE

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517 St Kilda Road | MELBOURNE
(300m from The Alfred Hospital)

Tram Stops:
Commercial Road / St Kilda Road
Alfred Hospital

Phone: 1300 122 400

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melbourne@infusionclinic.com.au

Appointments:
Monday to Friday

ESSENTIAL PATIENT INFORMATION

- Please note there is **no facility provided for the care of children,** and for safety reasons **children cannot accompany you into the infusion room**
- **Payment is required on the day** (Visa, Mastercard, EFTPOS or cash)
- **Complimentary Wi-Fi i**s available
- **Bring a jacket or a scarf** in case you get cold during the infusion
- For **patient privacy,** we ask that any person accompanying you remains in the waiting room
- **Wear loose clothing** so your sleeve can be rolled up above the elbow to insert the cannula
- **Eat normally** and drink fluids beforehand. Unless your doctor has advised a fluid restriction, **drink 2 glasses of water in the 1–2 hours before your appointment to help with IV insertion**. If you have a heart or kidney condition, follow your doctor's advice regarding fluid intake

✻ **If you suffer from a heart or kidney condition, please ask your doctor the appropriate amount of hydration (fluid intake) you should have prior to the infusion** ✻

INTRAVENOUS (IV) INFUSIONS

For the purpose of administering intravenous (IV) fluids, or medications, directly into the blood circulation, an IV cannula is inserted into a vein. At *The Infusion Clinic*, the IV cannula will be inserted by a trained nurse.
To ensure a safe infusion a large vein is selected, usually in the forearm. A tourniquet is applied, then a small plastic tube (cannula) is inserted into the vein via a needle. Once the cannula is inserted the needle is removed, leaving the soft cannula in the vein for administration of the medication and/or IV fluid. The tourniquet is removed, and a dressing applied to secure the cannula.
Discomfort should be minimal and disappears soon after the needle is removed from the cannula.
The medication and/or IV fluid is then attached to the cannula for administration into the vein.
Following completion of the infusion, the cannula is removed and pressure is applied to the site to stop any bleeding.
Bruising and irritation may occur at the cannula site for several days following the infusion. There is a small risk of infection with any medical procedure, **please monitor the IV site over the next 7 days for redness or pain**. Should either occur you should see your doctor for further assessment and any required treatment.

IRON INFUSIONS

Iron is an essential mineral within your body. Adequate levels are required for the normal function of muscles (including the heart) and the normal production of haemoglobin and red blood cells, which carry oxygen in the blood around your body. Iron deficiency can cause lethargy, fatigue and lack of concentration, and in more severe cases, can cause anaemia (low blood levels). This can cause a pale complexion, dizziness, shortness of breath, and a reduced capacity for activity. In pregnancy, iron deficiency can cause restricted foetal growth leading to an underweight baby. Iron deficiency has many causes which may require further investigation by your doctor.
Replacing iron by an IV infusion allows for rapid restoration of the body's healthy iron levels with few side effects, unlike oral tablets which take a number of months to have an effect and can cause gastro-intestinal effects including constipation and stomach upsets.
You have been referred for an iron infusion for treatment of iron deficiency. This is where an iron-containing medication is administered into a vein via an infusion and cannula, and into your bloodstream.
In extremely rare cases, where the IV cannula is dislodged, the skin surrounding the injection site may become permanently discoloured (tattooed). The risk of this occurring is less than one in 1000.
Intravenous iron, for example Ferinject or Monofer, are medications used to treat iron deficiency. These medications are administered over 15-30 minutes, with additional IV hydration administered following for a further 30 minutes to help minimise any potential side effects.
Specific dosages may require you to have two infusions to safely administer the medication, but this will be discussed with you when you book your appointment.
If you are pregnant, intravenous iron is safe to administer after the 16th week of pregnancy. However, if you are pregnant, you should talk with your doctor about the benefits and risks of iron infusion during pregnancy.
In general, side effects with iron infusion are uncommon. Side effects may include flu-like symptoms, nausea, dizziness, headaches, low phosphate levels and muscle/joint aches or pains.
If you have any questions regarding your iron infusion, feel free to browse the *FAQ section* of The Infusion Clinic website or submit a query on-line.

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