

# Multiple Sclerosis Clinic Referral Pathway

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1. GP/practice nurse to fax referral to the MS Society
  - Attention nurses (Teresa/Michael)
  - Include detailed patient history
  - Fax - 6224 4222
  - Phone – 6220 1111
  
2. Referral taken to MS Clinic held on Monday mornings at the Community Rehabilitation Unit (CRU)
  - Referrals triaged in consultation with the neurologists
  
3. Appointment made for the MS Clinic and sent out to patient if appropriate
  - Patient referred to general neurology clinic if MS is not suspected

# Supporting newly diagnosed patients - immunotherapy



- Newly diagnosed patients who are prescribed immunotherapy medication need to be referred back to the MS Society for education/support
- Nurse's role involves educating the patient in all aspects of immunotherapy
  - Titration
  - Self injection and using auto-injection devices
  - Monitoring of injection site reactions
  - Continuous education and support - home visits, telephone support and regular follow up depending on the individual's needs
  - Nurse based in Launceston visits all areas of the North and North West.