Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard: 6a-Evidence of protocols or pathways to ensure timely and appropriate referral of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
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| Short name: | 6a-Evidence of protocols or pathways to ensure timely and appropriate referral of patients with heavy menstrual bleeding |
| METEOR identifier: | 788543 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 12/06/2024 |
| Description: | Evidence of protocols or pathways to ensure appropriate referral to a specialist for patients with [heavy menstrual bleeding](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/667292) when there is suspicion of malignancy or other significant pathology, or the patient has not had a satisfactory response to medical management. |
| Indicator set: | [Heavy Menstrual Bleeding Clinical Care Standard 2024](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/788514)[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 12/06/2024 |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Computation description: | The protocols or pathways should specify the process to:* Offer early referral to a non‑GP specialist when there is suspicion of malignancy or other significant pathology
* Offer a referral to a non‑GP specialist when the patient has not had a satisfactory response to medical management, and
* Assess adherence to the protocols or pathways.

'Medical management' means hormonal or non-hormonal pharmacological treatment including the 52 mg levonorgestrel-releasing intrauterine device (LNG-IUD). |
| Computation: | Yes/ NoA healthcare setting that has documented evidence of locally approved policies or protocols that are implemented should record 'Yes'. Otherwise, the healthcare setting should record 'No'. |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Count |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Service event |
| Format: | Yes/ No |
| Accountability attributes |
| Reporting requirements: | Not applicable |
| Organisation responsible for providing data: | Not applicable |
| Accountability: | Safety and quality monitoring and improvement, as part of the clinical care standard |
| Other issues caveats: | Applicable settings: General practice, and women’s health, family planning and sexual health services/clinics.This indicator can also be used in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and Aboriginal medical services where appropriate. |
| Release date: | 13/06/2024 |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |