



Rapid Access Giant Cell Arteritis Clinic

Royal Perth Hospital



REFERRAL COVER

Patient Name:

DOB:

Address:

Postcode: _____

Telephone:

Referrer Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Name of Rheumatology Doctor case discussed with:

Date:

Referral Criteria (all must be ticked to be eligible):

1. Age > 50 ☐
2. Suspected Giant Cell Arteritis e.g. new headache, jaw claudication, scalp sensitivity, tenderness over the temporal arteries, visual disturbance* ☐
3. Within Royal Perth Hospital catchment (see page 4) ☐
4. Patient has been discussed with Rheumatology at Royal Perth Hospital (RPH Switchboard 9224 2244) ☐



***If there are concerning visual symptoms e.g. transient/persistent loss of vision, or double vision, this may necessitate urgent review in the Emergency Department**

Ensure the following:

1. Additional clinical details with past medical history, medications and blood results are attached to this cover form ☐
2. Blood results: ESR _____ CRP _____ Date of testing: _____
3. Antiplatelet/anticoagulant: Y / N Specify: _____
Date of last dose: _____

Fax request to 6477 5199 or email RPH.OutpatientReferrals@health.wa.gov.au





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INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

You are suspected of having an uncommon but serious condition called giant cell arteritis, which causes inflammation of blood vessels, typically around the head and neck.

When will my appointment be?

You will be contacted with an appointment by Royal Perth Hospital. It is very important that you attend this appointment as this condition requires urgent assessment.

Your appointment will be in one of the following locations (see attached map):

Royal Perth Hospital GCA Rapid Access Clinic in A Block, Level 7 (within the Eye Clinic) on Tuesday morning

OR

Royal Perth Hospital GCA Rapid Access Clinic in Goderich Street Outpatients (Ground Floor) on Thursday morning

Before your appointment

If you have been commenced on steroid medication (prednisolone) by your doctor, ensure that you take this as instructed every day.

Attend the Emergency Department if you experience ***any significant visual changes (double vision or vision loss – even if brief)***.

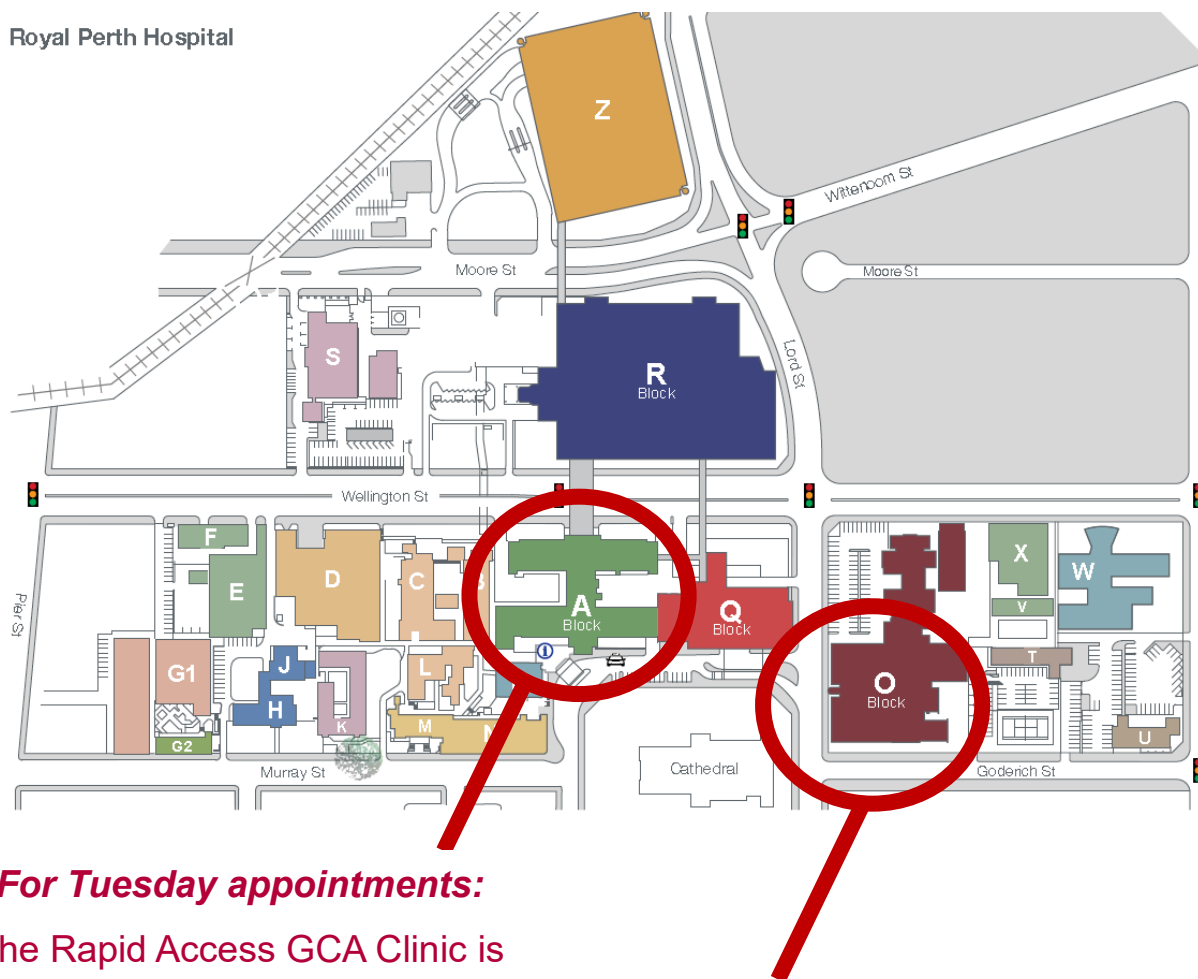
At your appointment

Please be aware that this appointment will likely take about an hour. You will be seen by a consultant rheumatologist who will perform a thorough assessment, including an ultrasound scan of the blood vessels around your temples, and organise blood tests and other scans if necessary. *Please expect delays – unfortunately this is often unavoidable.*

If you cannot attend this appointment for any reason, please contact the Royal Perth Hospital Switchboard on 9224 2244 and ask for the Rheumatology Registrar (during business hours)

Royal Perth Hospital Map

Royal Perth Hospital



For Tuesday appointments:

The Rapid Access GCA Clinic is located in A Block on Level 7

For Thursday appointments:

The Rapid Access GCA Clinic is located in Goderich Street Outpatient Department on Ground Floor

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE PATIENT IS WITHIN THE
ROYAL PERTH HOSPITAL (EMHS) CATCHMENT**

