

# OUTPATIENT GP REFERRAL GUIDELINES HEPATO-PANCREATICO-BILIARY SURGICAL UNIT Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

#### Gallstone disease

### **Information Required**

- Nature, duration, severity and frequency of symptoms
- History of previous abdominal surgery
- Family history
- Findings on abdominal examination

### **Investigations Required**

- LFTs, lipase
- Liver and biliary tract US

#### **Fax Referrals to**

General Surgery Outpatient Clinic 8204 5555

# Red Flags (requires acute referral to the Emergency Department)

- Severe acute pain
- Biliary obstruction
- Evidence of sepsis

# **Suggested GP Management**

- Low fat diet
- Analgesia

## **Clinical Resources**

<u>Australian Family Physician - July, 2013 - Gallbladder disease</u>

Australian Family Physician – July, 2013 – Biliary pain

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website <a href="https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients">www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients</a>

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