

Dear Doctor,

Please be advised of updated requirements for patients to be eligible to access the **Rapid Access Endoscopy Program** at St John of God Geelong Hospital.

If you can kindly include these details in your referral of your patients to our program it would be greatly appreciated. If they do not meet the below requirements they will require referral directly to a gastroenterologist.

Rapid access referral requirements

Patients **MUST** be:

- Over 18
- Under 75
- BMI of under **35**
- Generally fit and healthy – (please list all medications patients are on and why)

Patients **MUST NOT**:

- Be over the age of 75
- Have multiple co-morbidities and underlying health issues
- Be on insulin therapy

If the patient is on **anticoagulant or anti platelet therapy** please document the drug name, dose and reason for therapy. A gastroenterologist will triage the referral to determine if the patient is suitable for Rapid Access Endoscopy.

Thank you for your assistance with making our Rapid Access program run smoothly for the eligible patients.

Kind regards

Rapid Access Team
St John of God Surgery Centre