



PATS: Patient Eligible Medical Specialist List

WACHS provides assistance to eligible permanent residents within WACHS region and their approved escorts who are required to travel a minimum distance to access the nearest eligible medical specialist services (including a Telehealth services and visiting medical specialists)

Eligible specialist services

Services that are eligible under the PATS include:

- Specialist services involved in the fitting of an artificial limb:
- Specialist services involved in the fitting of an artificial eye
- Dental treatment – covered by an item in the Medicare Benefits for Services by Accredited Dental Practitioners in the treatment of Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate
- Repatriation for Deceased patients - conditions apply

Addiction Medicine/Drug/Alcohol	Diagnostic Radiology / X-Ray	Hand Surgery Immunology & Allergy	Oncology Oncology Radiation	Rehabilitation Medicine
Anesthetics	Diagnostic Nuclear Medicine	Infectious Disease	Ophthalmology	Renal Medicine
Artificial Eye/Limb	Diagnostic Ultrasound	Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)	Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery *	Reproductive Endocrinology/Infertility
<i>Bone Densitometry</i>	Dialysis	Mammography	Orthopaedic Surgery	Rheumatology
Cardiology	Endocrinology	Maternal-Fetal Medicine	Otolaryngology (ENT)	Sleep Studies
Cardiothoracic Surgery	Gastroenterology & Hepatology	Neonatology & Perinatal Medicine	Paediatric Surgery	Sports Medicine

Cleft Lip/Palate	General Medicine	Neurology	Pain Medicine	Thoracic & Sleep Medicine
Clinical Genetics	General Paediatrics	Neurosurgery	Palliative Medicine	Ultrasound
Deceased Patients	General Surgery	Next Step	Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery	Urology
Dental	Geriatric Medicine	Obstetric & Gynaecological Ultrasound	Pregnancy/Obstetrics At risk	Vascular Surgery
Dermatology	Gynaecology Urogynaecology	Obstetrics/ Pre-natal Care	Psychiatry	Wheelchair Assessment and Review
Diagnostic Radiology CT	Haematology	Occupational Medicine (not WC)	Public Health Medicine	

*Removal of wisdom teeth by an Oral & Maxillofacial Specialist is not eligible for PATS.

**Patients whose specialists appointments are related to Workers Compensation, a motor vehicle accident or a Department of Veterans' Affairs cardholder (conditions apply).

Referrals to non- specialist services

Referrals to other health professionals, such as general or allied health practitioners, (e.g. speech pathology, physiotherapy, podiatry, clinical psychology, occupation therapy, audiology, pathology etc.) dentists and nursing health professionals are not medical specialists, and therefore do not meet the criteria for PATS assistance. However if such an appointment coincides with an eligible medical specialist PATS may assist in extending accommodation assistance by one or two days.