

Referral Form

PATIENT INFORMATION

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Job Role:

**WorkCover
Claim Number:**

**Medicare
Number:**

SERVICES REQUIRED

- Specialist injury management (work-related injury)
- Uncertain diagnosis
- Specialist referral for further investigation
- Specialist examination of environmental exposure
- Specialist post-operative rehabilitation and return to work
- Case conference

Clinical details:

TREATING DOCTOR DETAILS

**Practitioner
Name:**

Signature:

Address:

Date:

Your patient, our support - a partnership.

Work related injury and illness is not straightforward. It involves not only managing the worker's ailment, but also the employer and insurer. And that's before having to deal with the specialists and allied health providers you or the insurer have involved.

Even worse, it's an administrative burden that adds additional unpaid time to your busy schedule!

Occupational and Environmental Physicians are specialists within the RACP, who can assist in making the management of these patients straightforward. Working at the interface between workers, their employers and insurers, we speak all three languages and can assist in the following ways:

Specialist injury management

Workplace injuries are **complex** and the decisions regarding the best avenue for treatment can sometimes be difficult to identify. Our doctors are experts in determining the evidence based treatment for your patient. The right treatment, for the right patient, at the right time.

Uncertain diagnosis

Occupational and Environmental Physicians are the only specialists who are specifically trained in the **causation** of disease and injury. They will take into consideration all of the relevant factors which allows them to focus in on the **cause of a patient's concern** and clarify the diagnosis, then facilitate the best evidence based treatment.

Specialist referral for further investigations

Sometimes you may consider that further investigations are required to manage your injured worker, but the **insurer requires a specialist to refer**. In these cases, our Occupational and Environmental Physicians can assist in assessing the patient and referring them for the most appropriate investigations.

Specialist examination of environmental exposure

Occupational and Environmental Physicians are skilled specialists in the investigation and management of **environmental exposures** and the impact on health. Noise, dust, radiation exposures, fumes and contamination all fall within our scope of practice, and often require expert management due to the uniqueness of presentations and symptoms.

Specialist post-operative rehabilitation and return to work

Following surgery, rehabilitation and return to work is a vital component of recovery. Utilising evidence based practice and the **Health Benefits of Good Work (HBGW)**, our doctors are specialised in getting the best recovery for post operative patients in a manner that allows them to return to work and normal life in a safe and timely manner.

Case conference

In cases where an expert opinion would assist in managing the way forward for an injured worker, as a treating GP, you can request an Occupational and Environmental Physician be included in a Case Conference. This request must be **initiated by the treating General Practitioner** and **approved by the insurer** prior to the case conference, and can assist in facilitating a greater understanding of barriers and facilitators to a successful return to work.