



## ATTENDING AN Assessment

All the information you need to know to be fully prepared.



Preparation



#### WHY HAVE YOU BEEN REFERRED?

You have been referred to Medilaw for an independent medical opinion to help determine the next steps after your injury or illness.



#### WHAT SHOULD YOU BRING?

If referred to our specialist, bring any x-rays, scans, or MRI reports if available (not needed for psychiatric or psychological appointments). Also, bring photo ID and be ready to sign a consent form before the assessment.



#### WHERE IS THE APPOINTMENT?

Your appointment letter will include the address of the assessment location, which offers parking or nearby transport options for your convenience.

The Appointment



#### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?**

The assessment will take between 45 and 90 minutes, depending on complexity. Arrive 15 minutes early to complete paperwork.



### WHAT HAPPENS IN THE ASSESSMENT?

The assessment includes a review of your medical history, the circumstances of your injury or illness, and a physical examination (if applicable).



#### **CAN I RESCHEDULE?**

If needed, you may reschedule through your referring organisation with advance notice. Saturday appointments are also available.

On The Day



#### WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

Wear loose, comfortable clothing for easy access to the injured area. Undergarments are recommended, and gowns are available.



#### WHO CAN BE IN THE ROOM?

You may bring a family member or friend to the assessment, and they may be allowed to sit in, depending on the doctor. They cannot participate in the interview unless requested by the specialist. You may also request a chaperone during the examination.



#### **CAN I BRING CHILDREN WITH ME?**

If you bring children with you, please arrange for someone to watch them in the waiting area. This will allow the doctor to focus entirely on your examination and what you are discussing with him/her.

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#### THE ASSESSMENT REPORT

Your specialist will compile a report based on your physical examination results (or psychiatric/psychological assessment history, if applicable), along with your medical history and any supporting documentation provided.



#### **FIMELINES**

The specialist will write a thorough report, which will be available to the referrer within 10-15 business days after your appointment.



#### **CAN I GET A COPY OF THE REPORT?**

You can request a copy from the person or company who referred you to us, typically within 2-3 weeks after your appointment. Under the Privacy Act, you are also entitled to a copy of your report.





### WANT MORE INFORMATION?





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