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To all GPs in the northern suburbs

Since the commencement of our bulk-billing gynaecology and colposcopy clinic in 2009 we have received numerous referrals for patients requiring appointments. We thank GPs for their support and are pleased to be able to offer a bulk-billing service to non-insured patients in the local area.

Regrettably, as the volume of appointment requests is so high, we have to triage all patient referrals and even the most urgent requests will still have a waiting period of between 6 and 8 weeks. As a result, all non-urgent appointments will have a waiting period of between 6 and 8 months. We are trying to get through these patients as quickly as possible and do appreciate your understanding regarding the demand for our service.

To assist us to triage referrals, please try to provide us with a detailed referral letter including the patient's relevant medical history. We do not offer appointments prior to receiving a patient referral.

We would also like to clarify that as the clinic has been established with a focus on the teaching of registrars in training, patients are likely to be seen by one of the registrars under the direction of the consultant. We therefore cannot guarantee that patients will be seen by a female doctor.

Addition information about our gynaecological services can be found at <http://www.joondaluphealthcampus.com.au/For-Doctors/public-gynaecology.aspx>

We thank you for your understanding and support. If you have any queries please feel free to contact me on [petersenr@ramsayhealth.com.au](mailto:petersenr@ramsayhealth.com.au) or contact my Practice Manager Amy O'Brien on 9400 9631.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rod Petersen'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'P' and 'R'.

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