

# Community Referred Radiology

The screenshot shows the Canterbury HealthPathways website. The header includes the Canterbury logo and 'Community HealthPathways' text. On the right, there are links for 'About HealthPathways', 'Subscribe to Updates', 'CEO Update', 'Disclaimer', and 'Contact Us'. A search bar is located at the top left. A navigation menu on the left lists various services, with 'Community Referred Radiology' highlighted in red. The main content area is titled 'Community Referred Radiology' and contains the following text: 'Canterbury DHB-funded community radiology service for non-acute investigations (seen within 2 days to 4 weeks). It does not cover Acute Demand Diagnostics, ACC or maternity imaging. Referrals may be accepted from general practitioners, community nurse practitioners, and private specialists.' Below this, there are several bullet points: 'Operating hours 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.', 'Access Criteria.', 'Refer using the form in the relevant investigation pathway.' (with sub-bullets for Bone density scans, Breast imaging, CT, Ultrasound, and X-ray), and 'Enquiries:' (with sub-bullets for Referrals and access criteria: Email: crr-referrals@cdhb.health.nz, Phone: (03) 364 4196; Radiologist advice on interpretation of a report: CDHB Radiology Department (03) 364-0770, CRG 0800 869-729, North Canterbury X-ray (021) 802 939; Radiologist advice on choice of investigation: Phone CRG advice line 0800 869-729; Note that specialist recommendations may not be funded under CRR access criteria. Consider alternative pathways including private or outpatient referral.). At the bottom, it says 'Community Referred Radiology has developed an introduction to the service for radiologists', which gives a primary care perspective.

## WHAT IS IT?

Community Referred Radiology (CRR) provides access to publicly funded radiology for general practice teams to support locally agreed clinical pathways.

Note: CRR does not cover accident related radiology or maternity scans which should be arranged directly with a private provider. It also does not cover acute demand radiology which should be arranged via the Acute Demand Coordination Service.

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

CRR coordinates radiology requests to ensure our limited radiology resources are targeted to those with greatest clinical need. Referral instructions and locally agreed access criteria are published on Community HealthPathways, in the Radiology section under Investigations.

Requests are reviewed by a team of GPs. Accepted requests are forwarded to a public or private service provider for booking. Some requests will be returned if there is a more appropriate pathway, insufficient information, or the test is not available in the public system. Returned referral messages are delivered electronically to the patient inbox in your PMS. The request may be resubmitted with more information.

## MORE INFORMATION

Search 'CRR' on Community HealthPathways for a summary of the service and links to access criteria and referral.

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