

Falls & Balance Clinic Referral

External Referral Form

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Patient Details		Referrer Details		
Name		Name		
D.o.B		Provider Number		
Home Ph		Clinic Name		
Mobile Ph		Address		
Address				
		Phone		
Mailing Address		Fax		
Email				
Health Care or Concession Card? Aboriginal Descent? Torres Strait Islander Descent? Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Background? Please consider: Balance issues or diagnosed condition history of falls or is falls risk sensory deficit / peripheral neuropathy history of legs giving way or collapsing history of dizziness or light-headedness diagnosed vestibular condition fear of falling or low confidence visual impairment other balance impairment Additional Information (e.g. polypharmacy, Parkinson's disease)				
Please attach recent health summary If you wish to discuss a patient's suitability or require any further information please contact Springs Medical Exercise Physiologist Jake Dwyer 0493 127 779 Please fax referral to Jake Dwyer on 03 5348 1447 Meets eligibility criteria for community-based program (see overleaf) Falls & Balance Clinic discussed and client motivated and willing to attend a 4 week program The above patient is medically suitable to attend a fitness program independently Yours sincerely,				
Signature				Date:

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- 22 Victoria Street
 Trentham 3458
 t: 03 5424 1602
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The program will run over 4 weeks:

- The program will include an initial assessment, 2 group exercise sessions per week. The exercise sessions are run by an Exercise Physiologist. An evaluation will take place at week 4 to determine progression of participant and assess if participant is appropriate to discharge or re-enrol for another 4
- Classes are conducted by an Exercise Physiologist at Springs Medical Daylesford Clinic. In the event of a medical emergency, basic life support and summoning of an ambulance is initiated by the Exercise Physiologist.
- This service is run by Springs Medical and not supported by additional funding, it is therefore very difficult to subsidise or reduce costs to the patient.

Inclusion Criteria

- Diagnosed balanced/vestibular condition or condition that disturbs balance
- History of falls
- falls risk with fear of falling or reduced confidence

Exclusion Criteria

- Unstable Angina &/or Unstable IHD &/or Unstable Heart Failure
- Severe aortic stenosis
- Un-investigated arrhythmias
- Abnormal physiological response to exercise testing
- Complex congenital heart disease
- Significant musculoskeletal or neurological condition limiting ability to exercise
- Discuss any acute disorder that may affect exercise performance or be aggravated by exercise (eq. Infection, renal failure)

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