

Sending and Managing Ocean eReferrals Telus PS Suite

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Your Ocean Portal

In the 'eReferrals & eConsults' page of your Ocean Portal, you will find your eReferrals categorized into different inboxes. As a sender of referrals, please ensure your 'Sent' tab is open, and you can collapse the 'Received' section if you do not receive/rarely receive eReferrals.

To save the settings once you have the folders displayed the way you would like, click the refresh button () in your browser.

 Filter 	Search by patient name, referring physician name, MRN, HCN, etc.
General	GENERAL FOLDER GROUP:
Needs Review	eReferrals/eConsults that have a message or action needing to be acknowledged
For Me	eReferrals that have been assigned to you for your review (<i>not used by every Ocean site</i>)
Recently Viewed	List of your most recently reviewed referrals
Received ▼	RECEIVED TAB – keep this tab closed unless you also receive referrals
Sent ▲	SENT TAB – keep this tab open!
Sent (All)	All eReferrals/eConsults that have been sent from your site
Incomplete	Any outgoing eReferrals/eConsults that have been saved for later completion (will save for 30 days)
Awaiting Response	eReferrals/eConsults you have sent, but that have not yet been accepted or declined
Accepted as Walk-In	eReferrals accepted by receiver as a walk-in appointment
Pending Booking	eReferrals accepted by the receiver, but have not yet been given an appointment date
 Booked Unconfirmed	eReferrals that have been accepted and scheduled, but not yet confirmed with patient
Booked Confirmed	eReferrals that have been accepted and scheduled, and confirmed by either patient or provider
Completed	eReferrals/eConsults that have been marked as completed after the scheduled appointment
Declined	eReferrals that have been declined by receiving site
Cancelled	eReferrals that have been cancelled by yourself, the referral sender
Deletion Warnings	eReferrals that will be deleted from Ocean within 14 days (<i>eReferrals move to this folder 1 year after they are sent from/received in Ocean</i>)

Filters can be applied in the status folders in your Ocean site, giving the user the ability to focus their view on only referrals that are relevant to them. This is valuable for Ocean sites that have a large number of clinicians. For instructions on setting up your filters, please see Ocean's support article on "[Filtering Status Folders](#)".



The 'Needs Review' folder and the 'Booked Unconfirmed' folder are important folders to monitor.

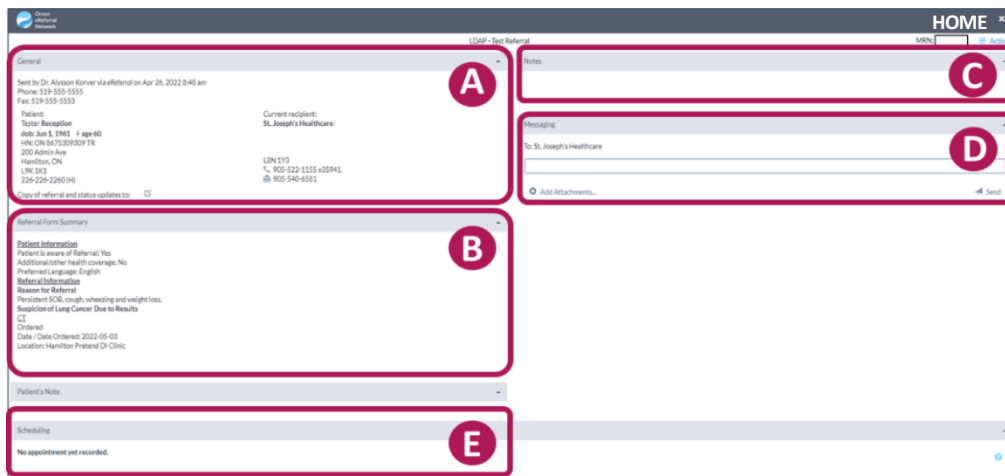
These folders contain items that require something to action and/or something that needs review. Please see

the [Needs Review Folder](#) and the [Booked Unconfirmed Folder](#) sections of this document for more detailed information.

Ocean eReferrals – A Closer Look

Below is an example of what a referral will look like.

- A. General section: Contains your sending site contact information, patient demographics, and the referral recipient's information.
- B. Referral Form Summary: Contains the information generated from the referral form you submitted.
- C. Notes section: Can be used for internal notes to help coordinate between staff members (i.e. left message for patient). NOTE: Any user on your Ocean site and the recipient's Ocean site can see the notes in this section! You can left-click on the "New Note" header and then select "Make Private for Site" to have the notes only viewable to your site, and not the referral-receiver. The font will be italicized once the note has been made private.
- D. Messaging section: Information exchange section to securely message between sending and receiving provider. This information can include text communication and/or attachments.
- E. Scheduling section: The patient's appointment date and other pertinent information will be entered by the receiving site/specialist in this section.



The screenshot displays the Ocean eReferral interface. It features a top navigation bar with a 'HOME' button. The main content area is divided into several sections, each labeled with a letter in a red circle:

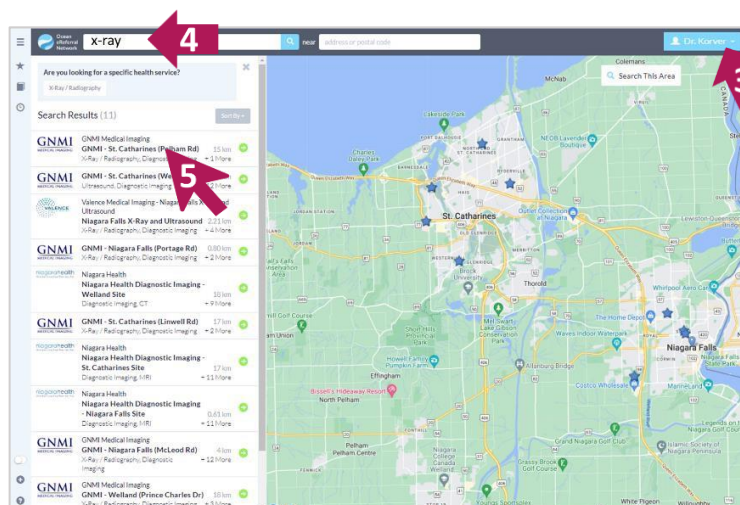
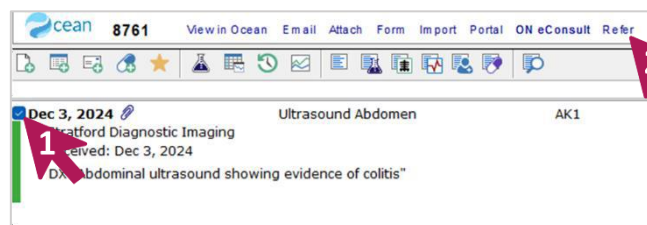
- A. General section:** Contains sending site contact information (Sent by Dr. Alison Korver via eReferral on Apr 26, 2022 8:48 am), patient demographics (Patient: Nurse Reception, 4046 Jun 1, 1961, F age 60), and referral recipient information (Current recipient: St. Joseph's Healthcare, LBN 219).
- B. Referral Form Summary:** Contains patient information (Patient is aware of Referral: Yes), referral information (Reason for Referral: Suspicion of Lung Cancer Due to Results), and scheduling information (No appointment yet recorded).
- C. Notes section:** A section for internal notes to help coordinate between staff members.
- D. Messaging section:** An information exchange section to securely message between sending and receiving provider.
- E. Scheduling section:** A section for entering the patient's appointment date and other pertinent information.

Click the 'HOME' button to return to the eReferral home page, where you can view all your referrals.

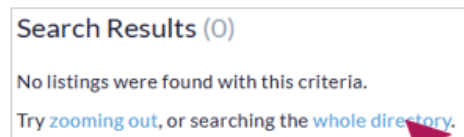
Sending an Ocean eReferral from PSS

The following steps demonstrate how to send an eReferral through Ocean directly from a patient chart in PS Suite:

1. If you would like to attach blood work, diagnostic imaging, etc. to the referral you are about to send, your first step would be to 'green-bar' the report(s) in your patient's chart in PSS.
2. Once you have selected ('green-barred') your attachments, click **Refer** in the Ocean Toolbar.
3. Your web browser will open to display the Ocean Healthmap directory. You should already be logged into Ocean (please confirm that you see your name in the top right corner – see arrow 3 in the image to the right).
4. In the Ocean Healthmap, you can search for the service or physician to whom you wish to refer. In the image to the right, we have searched by 'x-ray'.

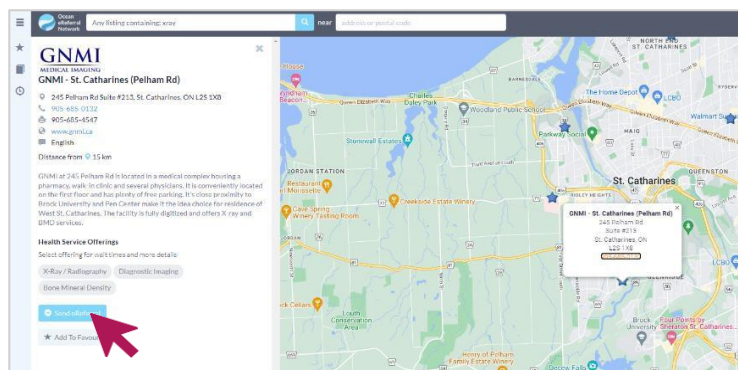


Note: If you are presented with **'Search Results (0)'** after searching, click the **'whole directory'** link to ensure Ocean is searching beyond the portion of the map that is visible on your screen!



5. The green arrow  beside each listing indicates that the site is accepting eReferrals. Click on the site of your choice to open their Directory Listing.
6. Click **Send eReferral** on the Directory Listing page. If there is no blue 'Send eReferral' button, then the site is not yet receiving referrals via Ocean.

TIP: If you would like to add this site as a Favourite so you can access it more quickly in the future, click the **Add to Favourites** button. The next time you send a referral to that site, you will see it listed in a Favourites list when you first open the Healthmap.



7. The patient demographic information, health card, etc. will be automatically pulled in from your EMR. Complete the remaining fields in the referral form. Mandatory fields will be marked with an asterisk.

8. Any attachments you selected in your EMR will be visible just above the 'Referrer's Information' section. To view the attachment, click the  icon beside the attachment name (see arrow 8 to the right).

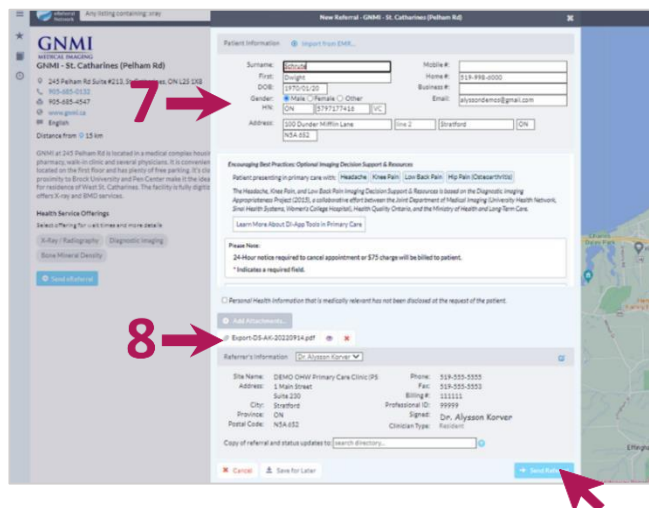
If you need to add further attachments once you are in this eReferral form, please see the [Additional Tips Regarding Attachments](#) section below.

9. Click **Send eReferral** when form is complete.

Once sent, you will see a confirmation window (see image to right).

A summary of the eReferral will be automatically documented in the progress notes of the patient's chart.

An Ocean eReferral status tracker will also be inserted into the patient's progress notes, which will automatically display any updates in the patient's appointment status for the eReferral sent.



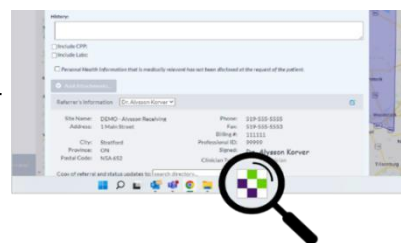


Additional Tips Regarding Attachments

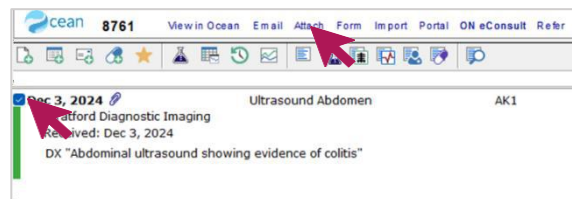
Adding an Attachment Once You Have Begun Populating the eReferral Form

If you have begun populating the eReferral form in the Ocean Healthmap and decide you need to add additional attachments:

1. Leave your partially completed Ocean eReferral form open and toggle back to your EMR by clicking on the PS Suite icon on your computer toolbar (see image to the right).

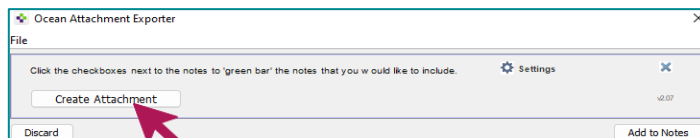


2. In your patient's PS Suite chart, green-bar the item you wish to attach to your referral, and then click the Attach link in the Ocean toolbar.



3. Click **Create Attachment** when the pop-up to the right appears.

You can change the file name if you wish, or leave the autogenerated 'Export' file name, which includes the sender's initials, patient's initials, and the date sent.

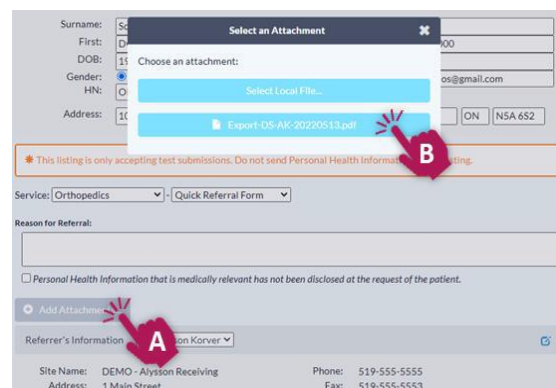


4. Once the pop-up disappears, toggle back to your browser which still has your partially completed eReferral form open.

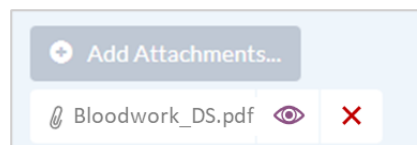


5. On the referral form:

- a. Near the bottom of the referral form, just above your 'Referrer's Information' section, click the **Add Attachments** button.
- b. The *Select an Attachment* window will then pop up. Select the file(s) that you see (beginning with 'Export...' - similar to diagram on the right).



6. You will now see your attachment(s) underneath the 'Add Attachments' button and you can continue with completing your eReferral. If you would like to view the attachment before sending, click the  icon.

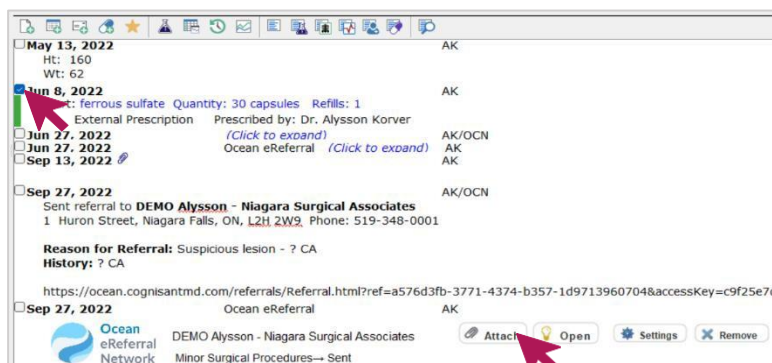


How to Attach a Report to an eReferral That Has Already Been Sent

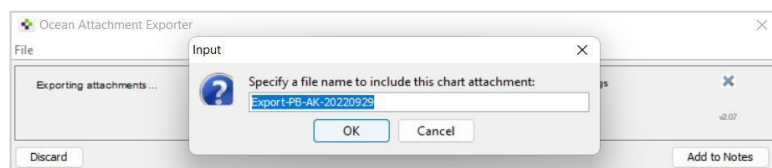
At times you may need to attach results to your referral that has already been sent, perhaps because some new results just became available or perhaps the specialist/clinic to whom you referred has requested more information. You can attach reports or notes to your eReferrals, even after they have been sent, by taking the following steps:

1. In your patient's PS Suite chart, first green-bar the item(s) you wish to attach to your referral.

Find the Ocean Tracker entry in the chart for the referral to which you wish to attach this report and click **Attach**.



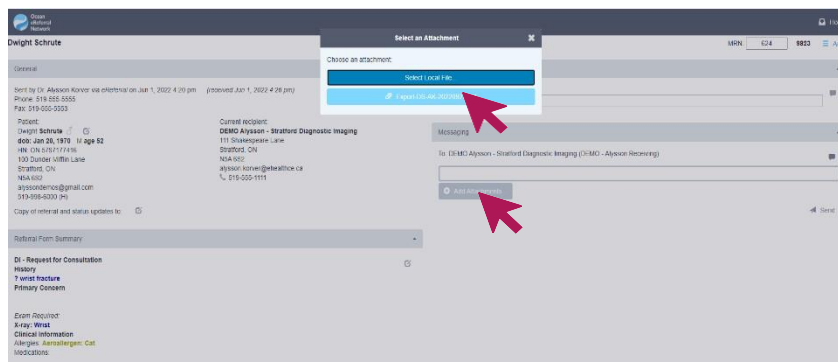
Ocean will assign a generic name to your file. You can change this if you wish. Click **OK**.



2. Click the **Open** button beside the 'Attach' button that you just clicked. This will open the referral that you had previously sent.

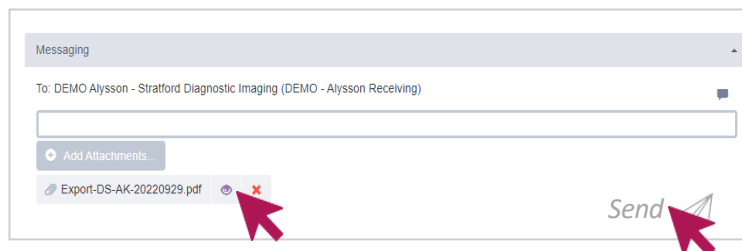


3. Click **Add Attachment** in the Messaging section of your referral, and then select your attachment from the *Select an Attachment* window that will pop up.



4. You will now see the attachment added under the 'Add Attachment' button. To preview the attachment and confirm before sending, click the  icon.

5. Click **Send** and then you will see a date and time recorded to indicate the attachment was sent.

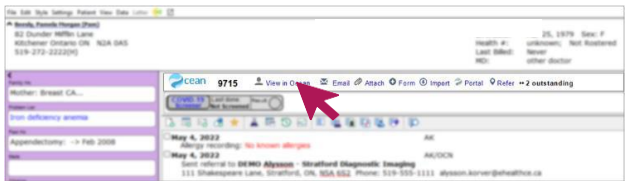


Note: The specialist/clinic to whom you sent this referral will receive an email notifying them that there has been an update to the referral.

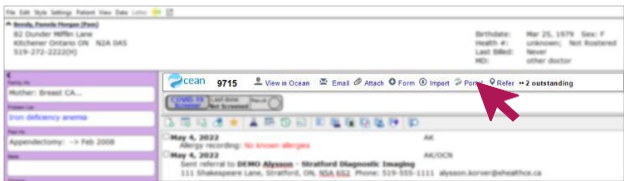
Searching for an eReferral

To view a referral that has previously been sent for your patient, you can do so in one of the following ways right from a patient record in Telus PS Suite:

1 To view a specific patient's referral that has been sent, click the **View in Ocean** button in the Ocean toolbar in your patient's chart.

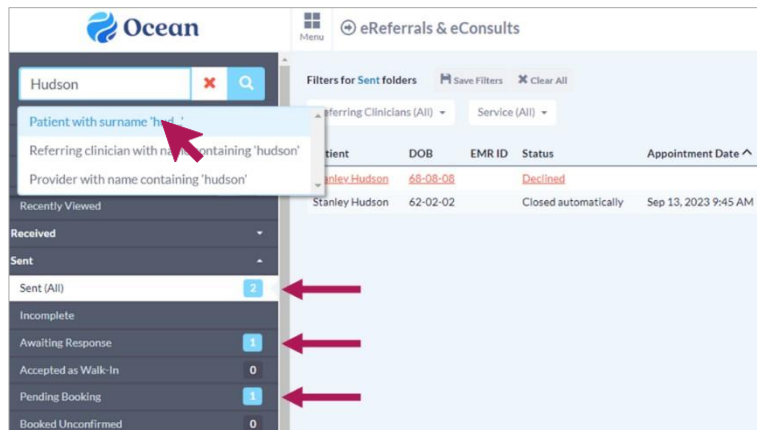


2 To view the Ocean Portal where you can see all of your clinic's referrals, select the **Portal** button from the Ocean toolbar in any patient's chart.



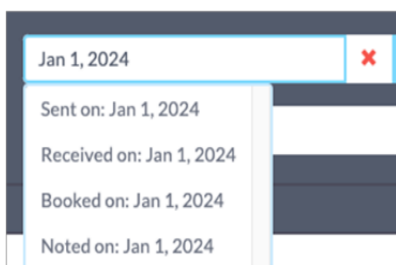
You can also search within your Ocean site itself. Upon entering your search criteria in the upper left corner, the grey status folder(s) containing the referral(s) that meet your search criteria will display a blue number to help you locate what you are searching for.

In the example to the right, when searching by the last name 'Hudson', blue number flags are only displayed in the folders that contain eReferrals for a patient with the matching last name of 'Hudson'.



There are several other ways you can search from this one search bar:

- **Patient with Surname**, as in the example above, filters to include only referrals with the matching surname.
- **Referring Clinician with Name Containing** filters to include only referrals sent by that specific clinician.
- **Provider with Name Containing** filters to include only referrals sent to the Directory Listing(s) with the matching name.
- **EMR/MRN** filters to include only referrals for patients with the matching EMR ID/MRN value.
- **HN** filters to include only referrals for the patient with the matching health card number.
- **Sent On** filters to include only referrals that were sent on the chosen day.
- **Received On** filters to include only referrals that were received on the chosen day.
- **Booked On** filters to include only referrals that have appointment information added on the chosen day.



Jan 1, 2024

Sent on: Jan 1, 2024

Received on: Jan 1, 2024

Booked on: Jan 1, 2024

Noted on: Jan 1, 2024



123456789

EMR / MRN #: 123456789

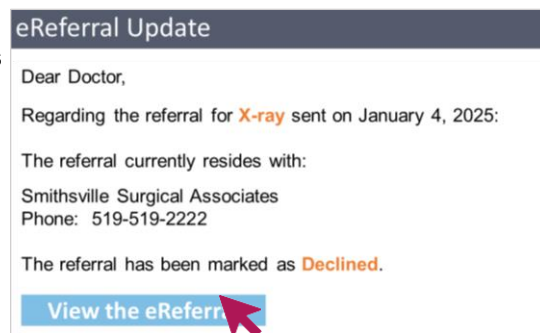
HN: 123456789

Examples of search options when searching by date or a number

Managing Sent eReferrals

If you have email notifications enabled, you will receive email updates when the status of your clinic's eReferral changes (e.g. when an appointment has been booked, cancelled, or when there is a message to review).

In this email example to the right, the clinic is being notified that a referral previously sent has been declined. Click the link to open the eReferral for more information.



eReferral Update

Dear Doctor,

Regarding the referral for **X-ray** sent on January 4, 2025:

The referral currently resides with:

Smithsville Surgical Associates
Phone: 519-519-2222

The referral has been marked as **Declined**.

[View the eReferral](#)

TIP: The email notifications are a helpful way of alerting you that something requires your attention, but you can also routinely review & manage eReferrals by clicking the **Portal** button in the Ocean toolbar at any time.

When you have an eReferral with a message that has been sent to you, the message/item for your review will be marked with a  symbol.

In the case to the right, a message was sent to your site. You may receive messages such as “Please forward relevant blood work”, etc.

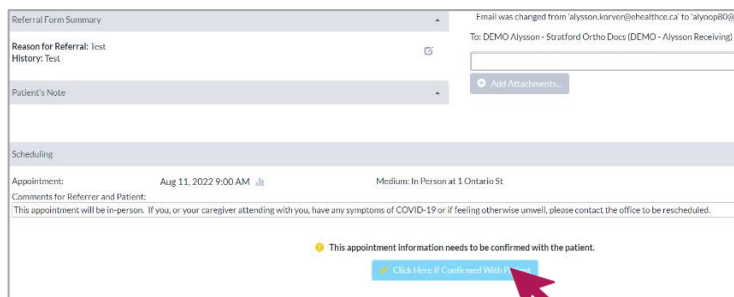
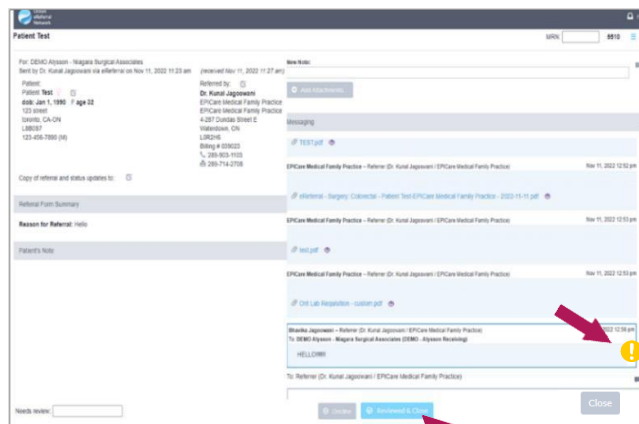
Once you have reviewed the referral and actioned anything being asked of you, please click the blue **Reviewed & Close** button. This logs in the system that the message has been addressed, and also assists the Ocean users on your site in tracking which items have been addressed and which items still need attention. After clicking **Reviewed & Close**, the eReferral will move back to the folder where it belongs according to its status (e.g. Pending Booking folder).

If you are not able answer the question/address the issue at this time, you can click ‘Close’ in the bottom right corner, and you will be able to find this referral in the *Needs Review* folder at a later time.

(More about the Needs Review folder can be found later in this document [HERE](#)).

Another typical email notification that you will receive will be to inform you that an appointment has been booked for your patient.

When you open the referral, you will see the appointment information at the bottom in the Scheduling section. If you call the patient to provide them with this information, please select the **Click Here If Confirmed With Patient** button. This will log the confirmation in Ocean for both your clinic and the site where the patient has been referred.



Managing eReferrals Sent to Receiving Sites Using eFax

You may come across sites that are a part of an eFax Proof of Concept project, which enables clinicians to send Ocean eReferrals to sites that are not yet onboarded with Ocean eReferral. The Ocean eReferrals sent by your site will convert to fax on the receiving end.

eFax sites will be identified in the Ocean Healthmap, in the eReferral itself, and in your Ocean portal. In the image to the right, you can see the status '**Sent via eFax**', and this will also be noted in the Recipient column.

Filters for Sent folders

Save Filters

Clear All

Referring Clinicians (All)

Service (All)

Filters for Sent (All) folder only

Save Filters

Appt Date - Start

Appt Date - End

Patient En

Patient	DOB	EMR ID	Status	Appointment Date ^	Service	Referral Date	Recipient
Jones, Bob		8640	Sent via eFax		Hip and Knee	Sep 25, 2024 1:58 pm	Rapid Access MSK (eFax)
Smith, Sally		8640	Sent via eFax		Gastroenterology	Jun 17, 2024 6:58 am	Dr. P. Miller (eFax)

The clinicians you support can send their referrals through Ocean to eFax listings, however, you will receive the appointment information back for these eFax listings **via fax**.

When you receive the fax, enter the appointment information provided into the Scheduling section of the patient's eReferral. If you notify the patient of the appointment, or if the fax states that they notified the patient, click the blue **Confirmed with Patient** button.

Click **Save** after updating the eReferral with the appointment information. If their email address had been included in their demographics on the eReferral, you will be prompted to confirm if you wish the appointment information to be sent to the patient.

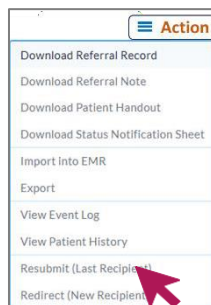
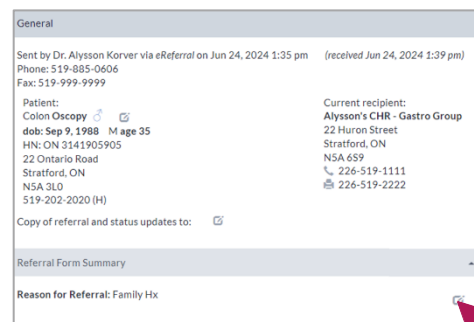
Resubmitting a Declined or Cancelled eReferral

If an eReferral is cancelled by the sending clinician or declined by the receiving site, you have the option to resubmit to the last recipient, or to redirect it to a new recipient.

Resubmitting to Last Recipient

If a previously submitted referral was declined, perhaps due to missing information, you can update the referral with the additional information and resubmit without having to start the referral all over again.

1. If necessary, you can add/edit information to the referral form answers by clicking the pencil icon within the 'Referral Form Summary' of the eReferral.
2. Add any attachments or messages as required.
3. From the Action menu in the top right corner, select '**Resubmit (Last Recipient)**'.
4. A message will be displayed, confirming that your eReferral was resubmitted.

General

Sent by Dr. Alysson Korver via eReferral on Jun 24, 2024 1:35 pm (received Jun 24, 2024 1:39 pm)

Phone: 519-885-0606
Fax: 519-999-9999

Patient:
Colon Oscopy
dob: Sep 9, 1988 M age 35
HN: ON 5141905905
22 Ontario Road
Stratford, ON
NSA 3LO
519-202-2020 (H)

Current recipient:
Alysson's CHR - Gastro Group
22 Huron Street
Stratford, ON
NSA 659
226-519-1111
226-519-2222

Copy of referral and status updates to:

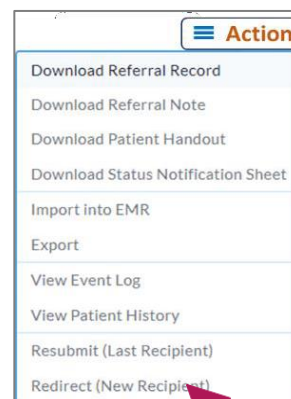
Referral Form Summary

Reason for Referral: Family Hx

Redirecting to New Recipient

If you need to redirect a previously sent referral to a new recipient on the Ocean Healthmap, you can redirect the referral and use the patient demographic information and any attachments you had included in the initial eReferral without having to start over completely.

1. In the original eReferral, open the Action menu in the top right corner, and select 'Redirect (New Recipient)'.
2. You will be asked to include a reason for the redirect, which will be shared with the patient (if their email is included in the demographics section) and the new referral recipient. This will also be recorded in the Messaging section of the new referral. NOTE: If no reason is provided, no indication will be made to the new recipient that this referral was previously sent elsewhere.
3. The Ocean Healthmap will open, where you can search for the new recipient. When you open the referral form for the new recipient, the patient demographics and attachments will populate.
4. Complete the referral form and send the eReferral as usual.



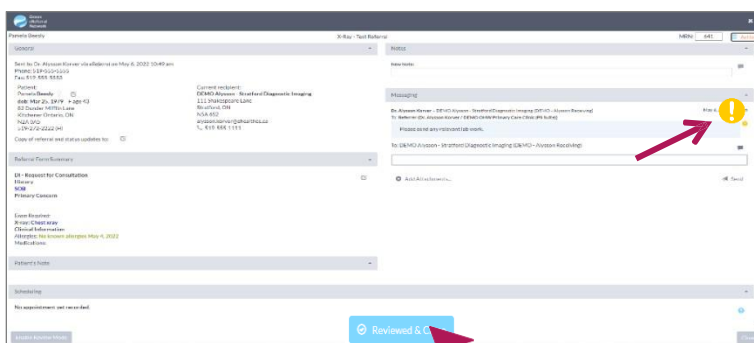
Needs Review Folder

Any referrals in the 'Needs Review' folder inbox have a message that needs to be acknowledged. Similar to the diagram below, you will see  icons in the Message column flagging this. (Note: If you entered an email address in Ocean to receive email notifications, you will also receive an email letting you know you have something to review.)



Patient	MRN	DOB	Description	Date Sent	Source	Site	Provider	Message
Bob Jones	65-10-10		Minor Surgical Procedures	Sep 12, 2023 12:22 pm	Dr. Carol Brady	Brady FHT	DEMO Alysson - Mitchell Otolaryngologist	
Inbound Test Referral	00-12-12		Minor Surgical Procedures	Aug 9, 2023 11:18 am	Dr. A. Sender-Korver	Inbound Clinic	DEMO Alysson - Mitchell Otolaryngologist	

Open the referral and you will see an  icon in the section that needs your attention.



Please ensure you click **'Reviewed & Close'** once you have reviewed the referral. It will then move to the appropriate folder according to its status and can continue to be managed from there.

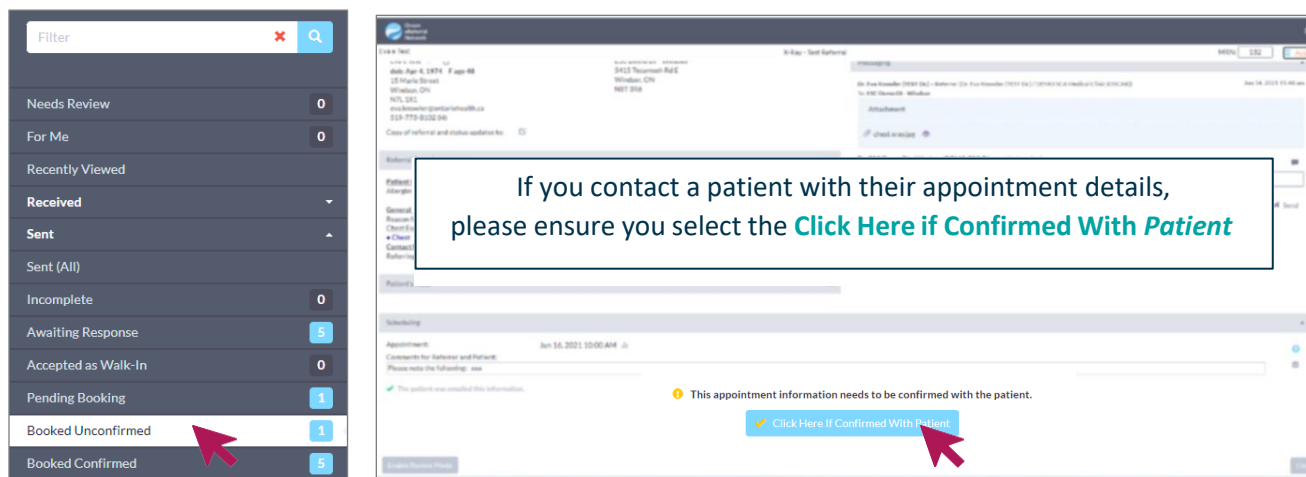
Booked Unconfirmed Folder & Accepted as Walk-In Folder

In the 'Booked Unconfirmed' folder, you will find the referrals that you have sent that have been accepted and given an appointment date, but the appointment is awaiting confirmation with the patient.

If the patient has consented to receive email notifications from Ocean, they may click the 'Confirmation' button in the email they receive with their appointment date and time. If they do this, the referral will move to the 'Booked Confirmed' folder, and there will be no further actions required by you.

You may also need to contact the patients in the 'Accepted as Walk-In' folder. These are often for Diagnostic Imaging Clinics where the patient can present without an appointment.

As the referral sender, it will be important to keep an eye on these folders to ensure your patients have been notified about their appointments.



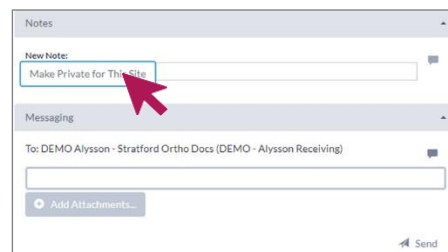
The screenshot shows the Ocean eReferral system interface. On the left, a sidebar lists various folders: Needs Review, For Me, Recently Viewed, Received, Sent, Sent (All), Incomplete, Awaiting Response, Accepted as Walk-In, Pending Booking, Booked Unconfirmed, and Booked Confirmed. The 'Booked Unconfirmed' folder is highlighted with a red arrow. The main area displays a patient's appointment details for a referral to a clinic. A text box with a red border and a red arrow pointing to a button states: "If you contact a patient with their appointment details, please ensure you select the **Click Here if Confirmed With Patient**". The button is located at the bottom of the appointment details section.

Notes Section:

The Notes area within an eReferral can be used for internal documentation.

It is important to note that any user on your Ocean site and the receiving clinic's Ocean site can see the notes in this section unless you make it private.

To make the note visible for only your site, click on the 'New Note' header, and then click 'Make Private for this Site'. The 'New Note' header will italicize, as will your note, indicating that this note can only be seen by users of your Ocean site.



The screenshot shows the 'Notes' section of the Ocean eReferral system. It includes a 'New Note' header, a text input field, and a button labeled 'Make Private for this Site' with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the input field is a 'Messaging' section with a 'To:' field and a 'Send' button.

Action Menu:

You will note an 'Action' menu in the top right corner of your eReferrals. This menu contains additional options. Please refer to the ['What do the different Action Menu items mean?'](#) page on Ocean's website for more information.

eReferral Icon Legend

Icons from your Ocean Portal Main Page:

-  - there is a message associated with the eReferral
-  - view the patient's previous eReferrals
-  - there is an attachment with the eReferral
-  - a copy of the eReferral has been exported from Ocean
-  - this patient has notes that are ready to be downloaded
-  - the eReferral has been electronically forwarded to another site

Icons Within the eReferral

-  - edit details
-  - highlights the area of the eReferral that needs review
-  - the area of the eReferral previously requiring review, has been reviewed
-  - opens a list of canned notes or protocol forms to add to the eReferral
-  - delete an attachment, or previously-entered appointment information when selecting in the Scheduling Pane
-  - the eReferral will be included in wait time calculations