

Ref. No:	1917
Date:	15 th July 2025
Subject:	Acceptance of Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression Patients

REQUEST & RESPONSE

1. What was the total number of referrals received to your spinal unit for patients with metastatic spinal cord compression between April 2024 and April 2025?

15

2. Do you currently accept referrals for metastatic spinal cord compression patients?

Inpatient referrals No

Outpatient referrals No

3. If you answered 'Yes', how many referrals did you accept between April 2024 and April 2025?

Inpatient referrals NA

Outpatient referrals NA

4. If you did not accept *all* referrals received, what reasons were given for declining those not accepted? *(please answer if the numbers in Questions 1 and 3 do not match)*

8 declined by the Centre as "Referral inappropriate or ineligible for SCI Care

7 withdrawn by referrer as not meeting criteria for admission to the Centre

- 5. Do you have a current policy for the rehabilitation of patients with metastatic spinal cord compression that defines all referral outcomes?**

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- 6. If you answered 'no' to inpatient referrals in Question 2, what is your rationale for declining patients with metastatic spinal cord compression for inpatient rehabilitation?**

Patients with metastatic spinal cord compression do not meet the admission criteria as outlined in "Standards for Specialist Rehabilitation of Spinal Cord Injury 2022"