

## Guideline

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When giving advice on pathology reports, it is appropriate to provide generic suggestions to assist with patient management. An example of generic advice could be; “referral to a medical geneticist is suggested”.

The principle is one of guidance in interpreting the results but not prescriptive advice.

Listing of specific doctors or clinics can imply an endorsement by the pathologist/pathology laboratory of that particular doctor or organisation.

Consideration should be given to possible conflicts of interest before recommending referral to a particular practitioner, and any potential conflict should be declared.