

Humboldt County Referral Form – Specialty Guidelines

St Joseph Health Medical Group – Neurosurgery

- Please include insurance information with referral
- Unless urgent, eRAF must be included in the referral for patients with Partnership Health Plan.
- Fax referral to 707-268-0192

Reason for Referral (Clinical Question)	“Required” Clinical Testing & Documentation	“Preferred” Additional Clinical Testing & Documentation
LOW BACK PAIN with radiculopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring provider’s H&P and office notes • MRI within 1 year of referral date of lumbar spine • DICOM formatted CD if imaging was done other than St Joseph Eureka • Recent conservative methods (PT, Pain mgmt, physical med/rehab, chiropractic, etc) successful/attempted/failed • Recent use of NSAIDS, Gabapentin, Analgesics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other imaging pertaining to referred area • Testing (Dexa, NCS, EMG, etc) • ER notes
NECK PAIN with radiculopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring Providers H&P And Office Notes • MRI within 1 Year Of Referral Date Of Cervical Spine • Dicom Formatted Cd If Imaging Was Done Other Than St. Joseph Eureka • Recent Conservative Methods (Pt/Pain Mgmt/Physical Med Rehab/Chiropractic/etc) successful, attempted, failed • Recent Use Of NSAIDS, Gabapentin, Analgesics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Imaging Pertaining to Referred area • Testing (Dexa, NCS, EMG, etc) • ER Notes
BRAIN LESIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring Providers H&P And Office Notes • MRI within 1 Year of Referral date for the brain • Dicom Formatted CD If Imaging was done other than St. Joseph Eureka 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ER Notes
PERIPHERAL NERVE LESIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring Providers H&P And Office Notes • Recent Neurodiagnostic testing (NCS/EMG Testing of the affected extremity) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation of neurological evaluation/consultation • ER Notes
PRIOR SURGERY FOR SAME BODY PART	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referring Providers H&P And Office Notes • MRI Within 1 Year Of Referral Date • Dicom Formatted Cd If Imaging was done other than St. Joseph Eureka • Recent Conservative methods (Pt/Pain Mgmt/Physical med/rehab, Chiropractic, etc) successful, attempted, failed • Recent Use Of NSAIDS, Gabapentin, Analgesics • Operative Report • Images Prior/Post Surgery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge Notes From Surgery • ER Notes