

## Indications for referral from secondary to tertiary care

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- ✓ There is no definitive reason to refer to tertiary care.
  - ✓ Variables include: the clinician, patient, geography and tests available.
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### Reasons for Referral

- Diagnostic doubt.
- Investigations that cannot be performed locally
- Reassurance of clinician, family or both.
- Steroid dependency
- “See the expert”
- Poor asthma control despite local management

### What to expect from a tertiary opinion?

- Diagnostic confirmation:
  - Review of diagnosis
  - Additional investigations e.g. High-Resolution Computerised Tomography (HRCT), bronchoscopy and biopsy
- Alternative/ Additional Treatments
  - Biologic treatments
  - Subcutaneous terbutaline,
  - Unusual or new inhaler devices