

Dear All,

Important Announcement - I am very pleased to inform you that our **Hand Therapy** service is now available in Choose and Book as a directly bookable service.

How to find the services in Choose and Book?

You can find these services by choosing the following:

Specialty: **Physiotherapy**
 Clinic Type: **Musculoskeletal**
 Location: **St Thomas' Hospital**

The service is also cross mapped to:

Specialty: **Occupational Therapy**
 Clinic Type: **Not Otherwise Specified**
 Location: **St Thomas' Hospital**

This service is restricted to 16+ years of age and is for **Routine and Urgent** referrals.

For urgent referrals please ensure that all clinical letters are attached within 1 working day of the appointment request. For routine referrals please ensure that all clinical letters are attached within 3 working days of the appointment request.

CAB Specialty/ Clinic Type	Service Name	Conditions treated/ Service is suitable for patients with following conditions:
Specialty: Physiotherapy/ Occupational Therapy - All services are provided at St Thomas' Hospital		
Clinic Type: Musculoskeletal (under Physiotherapy) Clinic Type: Not Otherwise Specified (under Occupational Therapy)	Hand Therapy	Patients with degenerative or inflammatory arthropathies, associated hand pathologies and chronic wrist and hand condition. All conditions relating to the hands e.g. Nerve Compression Syndromes Ligament/Tendon conditions Trigger Finger/Thumb Release. Dupuytren's release Rheumatoid Arthritis of the hand Osteoarthritis of the hand Boutonniere Deformity Extensor Tendons Arthritis/ Osteo Arthritis Dequervain's Golfers Elbow Tennis elbow Epicondylitis Work related upper limb disorder Cubital Tunnel syndrome (ulna Neuritis), Carpal Tunnel syndrome (see exclusions) Exclusions: Any patients with suspect red flags Suspected Fracture Carpal Tunnel Syndrome - if patient has fixed sensory loss or motor loss -please refer to Surgery Paediatrics and children under the age of 16 years. Patients with suspected cancer should be referred according to the cancer network guidelines via the 2ww office

Advice & Guidance (A&G)

Please note that the A&G facility within CAB is also available for GPs to use. When using Advice and Guidance, please remember that you will need to use CAB web-based – attaching a letter via your clinical systems does not reveal the information to us – please use the free text box.

Please kindly forward this email to your colleagues who may find this useful.

Please contact me directly if you have any further queries regarding our Choose and Book services. Thank you for your patience in awaiting the implementation of this service on Choose and Book.

Kind Regards

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