Digital Referrals & Orders Program (DRO)

The Digital Referrals & Orders (DRO) Program will be used to facilitate electronic referrals, consultations & orders across BC.

Using an interactive visual Healthmap, community care teams can search for providers and clinics by keyword, locations and specialty service type.

Specialized forms can be auto-populated with patient data from integrated systems, streamlining data entry and reducing effort.

Early Implementation Scope
Initial implementation will begin with deploying eReferrals and eOrders (medical imaging) in 2024. eReferral is starting with Lower Mainland sites using OceanMD web portal or the following integrated EMRs: QHR Accuro, TELUS Med Access and WELL Health OSCAR Pro. Additional EMR integrations are slated in the coming year. eOrders will begin with medical imaging in select sites. eConsults will be implemented in a future phase.

Provider Benefits
- Streamlines the referral and order requisition process
- Reduces the need to use fax
- Enables secure messaging with other clinics and providers
- Improves ability for receiving clinics to share information & communicate with patients
- Increases transparency through automated status notifications and appointment reminders for patients and referring clinics

Patient Benefits
- Improved transparency for patients through automated email status notifications and appointment reminders
- Increased patient engagement by enabling pre-appointment instructions and secure messaging between patients and receiving clinics

How to Get Involved
The Digital Referrals & Orders team is working closely with Divisions of Family Practice to identify primary care clinics in the Lower Mainland to be part of our initial eReferral launch. If you are interested in learning more or potentially signing up as an early adopter clinic, please contact DRO.program@phsa.