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## REFERRAL FOR ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION TO A SPECIALIST IN UROLOGY

Indications for referral include:

### A. IMMEDIATE REFERRAL TO A&E

Emergency hospital admission if there is priapism (the patient should be advised to if he has an erection lasting longer than 4 hours).

### B. ROUTINE REFERRAL TO A SPECIALIST

Referral to secondary care is indicated if:

- Penile abnormality (phimosis, Peyronie's disease, post-priapism, penile cancer).
- Endocrinopathy (primary or secondary hypogonadism).
- Severe mental distress.
- First line pharmacotherapy ineffective.
- Psychogenic erectile dysfunction refractory to first line drugs.
- Specialised diagnostic tests needed (for example, penile Doppler studies, nocturnal penile tumescence).
- Cardiovascular disease of medium or high risk.
- Contraindication to phosphodiesterase-5 inhibitors
- Lifelong history of erectile dysfunction.

**Source:**

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24468580>