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Metastatic Spinal Cord Compression Patients

1. What was the total number of referrals received to your spinal unit for patients with metastatic spinal cord compression between April 2024 and April 2025?

6.

2. Do you currently accept referrals for metastatic spinal cord compression patients?

Inpatient referrals = Yes.

Outpatient referrals = Yes.

3. If you answered 'Yes', how many referrals did you accept between April 2024 and April 2025?

Inpatient referrals = 4.

Outpatient referrals = 2.

4. If you did not accept *all* referrals received, what reasons were given for declining those not accepted? *(Please answer if the numbers in Questions 1 and 3 do not match).*

If following assessment a patient has life expectancy less than 3 months, they would be referred to an alternative team rather than SCIU. This may be the palliative care team. This occurs following discussion with the referring team in the acute service.

5. Do you have a current policy for the rehabilitation of patients with metastatic spinal cord compression that defines all referral outcomes?

Yes.

6. If you answered 'no' to inpatient referrals in Question 2, what is your rationale for declining patients with metastatic spinal cord compression for inpatient rehabilitation?

N/A.