



# WAKMAS

Who we are and what we do!

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- Established 2018 (Arose from WAMAS (2000-2017))
- Statewide Melanoma MDT in Collaboration with HPIMR.
- Management advice of complex primary and metastatic melanoma
- Advice on Margins, Investigations, Role of SLNB, Prognosis, Adjuvant treatments.
- Management not taken over unless requested to do so
- Research and Clinical trials.

# WHO WE ARE

Dermatologists

Cutaneous Pathologists

Plastic Surgeons

Medical Oncologists

General Surgeons

Radiation Oncologists

Nuclear Physicians

Clinical Nurses

Research Professor

Administrative Assistant

# Why are we here?

Melanoma patients in WA should have access to expeditious, appropriate and consistent treatment, regardless of insurance status or demographics

Adherence to “best practice” guidelines for staging, surgery and adjuvant treatment.

Engagement with Clinical trials and Research

# WAKMAS



- Around 180 patients seen annually- Free of charge
- Annual GP/Specialist educational events (alternating)
- GP information booklet every 5 years (Last one 2019)
- Web resources- <https://wakmas.org.au>

# Clinics

WAKMAS Review clinics every 1-2 weeks

- 4-5 Patients maximum
- Dermatologist, Pathologist, Oncologist, Surgeon
- Nurse co-ordinators

MDT meeting every 3-4 weeks

- 10-12 Specialists, Nurse Co-Ordinator, Research Professor
- Occasional referring doctor via telehealth

# Referral Criteria

Breslow Thickness  $\geq 0.8\text{mm}$

Unusual tumours (STUMP, Spitzoid, Paediatric)

Challenging sites (Conjunctival, Mucosal)

Metastatic Lesions

*Patients must be aware of the diagnosis and consent to review*



# Who we don't see

Thin Melanoma (In situ, BT <0.8mm)

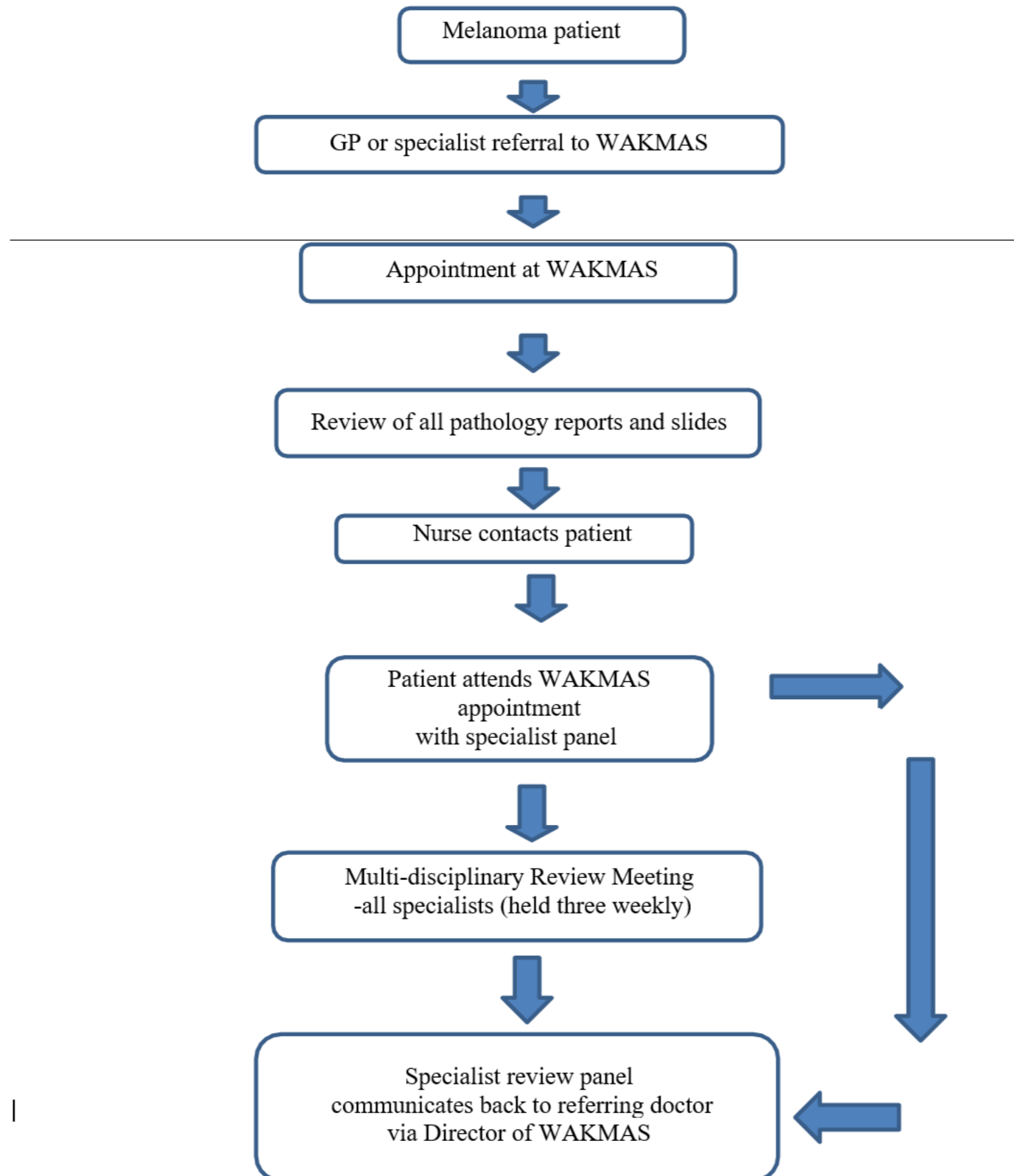
Patients who have already had WLE of 1<sup>o</sup> lesion

Patients who decline review

Patients for surveillance after treatment



## Flow path for patients referred to WAKMAS



# New Clinic Process

- Established due to increasing demands on clinics
- Commenced July 2021 in parallel to current clinics
- Suitable patients seen by WAKMAS clinicians outside the WAKMAS clinics (Rooms or public OPC)
- No OOPE to patients for initial appointment
- All patients still presented at MDT clinic

# New Clinic Process

- Suitable patients - No significant comorbidities, Patients willing to be seen outside WAKMAS
- Triaged at least 1 week before the next MDT- if no available consultants will be seen at WAKMAS clinic
- No more than three external review clinic patients in each cycle
- Patients not able to be seen in either clinic deferred to next available clinic

# What Else do we do?

Investigations as Needed (FNA/Core Bx, PET/CT)

On-Refer if asked- Surgery- Public or Private

Med Oncology-Clinical Trials

# On-Referred Patients

- Once On-Referred, Communication with the referring clinician is through the definitive treating Clinician.
- Referrers should contact definitive clinicians or public hospital OPC and NOT WAKMAS if they have not received updates on their patients.