

Rapid Access Clinics (RACs): Providing Ontarians with Timely Access to High Quality Integrated Musculoskeletal (MSK) Care

With a focus on hip and knee arthritis and certain types of low back pain, Rapid Access Clinics (RACs) across Ontario are helping people quickly access care

Why does Ontario need to improve access to MSK care?

1 in 3 Adults are affected by arthritis or other musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions



Long wait times exist to access surgeons

>37% of MRIs in the province are ordered for MSK conditions – the vast majority of these are not needed



Lack of timely access to treatment results in unnecessary opioid prescriptions

More than

50 Rapid Access Clinics are now accessible across Ontario, resulting in care that is:



Accessed faster

Patients are seen at a RAC **within four weeks** and are provided with a plan for appropriate treatment and follow-up care.



Delivered appropriately and efficiently

Patients are assessed by a health care provider with **specialized training in their condition**. Surgeons receive referrals for patients appropriate for consultation so **patients don't wait unnecessarily** and **surgeons' time is optimized**.

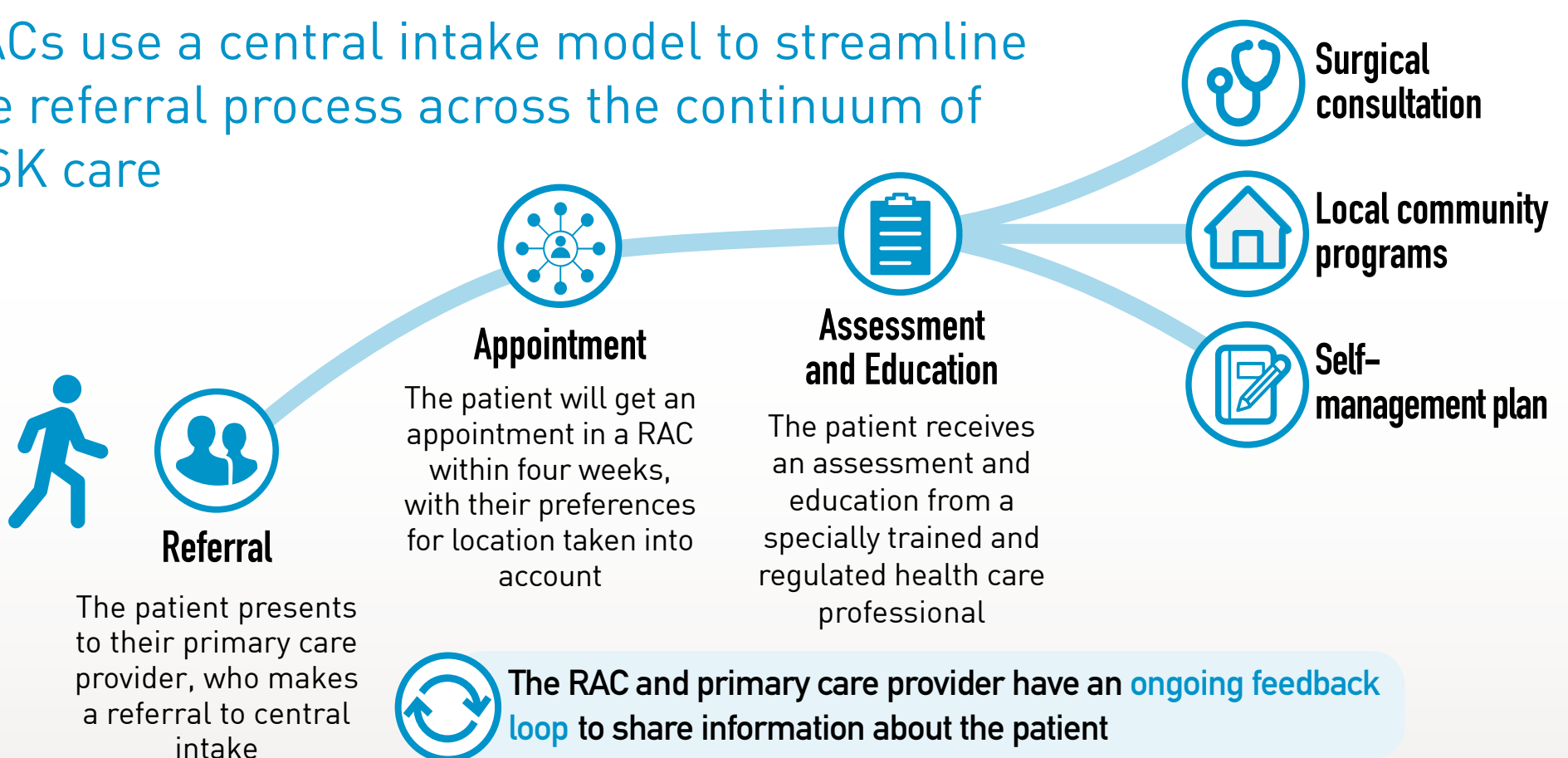


Patient-centred

Patients are involved in the development of their treatment plans, **with personal preferences taken into account**.

Rapid Access Clinics Provide the Right Treatment, Faster

RACs use a central intake model to streamline the referral process across the continuum of MSK care



Contact your primary care provider for more information.

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