

## TRIAGE BENCHMARKS

Condition	Wait Time For First Assessment By Pain Specialist After Referral By Primary Physician <sup>a</sup>
Ischemic pain & cancer pain <sup>b</sup>	Within 14 days
Acute neuropathic pain of less than 6 months' duration	Within 30 days
Acute lumbar disc protrusion	Within 3 months
Subacute chronic pain in an adult of working age where intervention may improve function	Within 3 months
Other types of chronic pain	Within 6 months

a) These wait times do not include subsequent waits for rehabilitation programs, psychology-based programs, or interventional procedures that may be deemed appropriate after the initial consultation with a pain specialist. Also, patients might have the opportunity to see someone from Therapy Services (e.g. PT, OT, or Social Worker) without seeing a physician first.

b) Service within 14 days is recommended for patients who do not have access to a palliative service or in cases in which a palliative care team has asked for a specific procedure.