**HVCC Checklist for Developing Pertinent Data Sets / Referral Guidelines**

Purpose: Provide information needed to allow the “referred-to” physician / practice to be able to:

* + Determine if the referral is to the appropriate specialty
  + Effectively triage urgency (risk stratify referral needs)
  + Effectively address the referral (enough info to do something at the initial appointment)

The Pertinent Data Set / Referral Guidelines should provide a guide for what supporting information\* is and is not needed for a high value referral for a condition or set of conditions, including:

* Essential information (pertinent & adequate)
* Additional information (send if done and available, but not required otherwise)
* Tests or procedures to avoid
* Alarm symptoms, signs, conditions (urgency)
* Common ‘rule-outs’ to consider before referral
* Relevant Choosing Wisely elements
* Resources for Health Care Professionals
* Resources for Patients

\* This should be a “minimal” necessary data set and not an exhaustive evaluation; additional requests can be made on a case by case basis through the Pre-consultation process.