MEDICAL SPECIALISTS WORKSHEET (PROVIDER VERSION)

This activity is ideal for participants to understand the different medical specialists their Primary Care Provider may refer them to for specific health conditions. Before this activity, review the scenarios. You may add or adjust scenarios based on your local context.

Read each scenario. Each scenario describes a health condition. Based on the health condition, ask participants to name the type of medical specialist their Primary Care Provider may refer them to. Then, ask participants to explain the type of treatment they may receive for the health condition.

SCENARIO 1:

You suddenly experience severe and consistent tooth pain.

KEY MESSAGES:

A dentist specializes in preventing and treating oral diseases like cavities. The dentist will examine your teeth. If surgery is needed to address your pain, they may refer you to an oral surgeon.

SCENARIO 2:

For the last 6-months, you have experienced stomach pain and constipation (or you use the toilet infrequently).

KEY MESSAGES:

A gastroenterologist specializes in identifying and treating issues with your digestive health, like stomach pain after eating. The gastroenterologist may administer tests to determine the source of your pain.

SCENARIO 3:

You have blurry vision and find it difficult to read words that are far away.
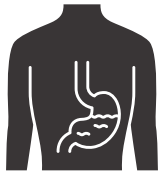
KEY MESSAGES:

An optometrist specializes in eye and vision care. An optometrist may perform a test to determine if you need glasses. If you need surgery, they may refer you to an ophthalmologist.

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