

Lower GI Tract Urgent Suspected Cancer e-Referral Form Kent and Medway Cancer Alliance

PATIENT DETA	AILS	GP DETAILS				
Surname:	[MERGED FIELD]	First Name:	[MERGED FIELD]	Name:	[MERGED FIELD]	
D.O.B.:	[MERGED FIELD]	Gender:	[MERGED FIELD]	Code:	[MERGED FIELD]	
Age:	[MERGED FIELD]	NHS No.:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Address:	[MERGED FIELD]		Address:	[MERGED FIELD]		
Post code:						
Home Tel.:	[MERGED FIELD]	Mobile:	[MERGED FIELD]	Post code:		
Other Tel:		Other Tel Name:		Tel. No.:	[MERGED FIELD]	
Interpreter required?	Yes No	First Language:		E-mail:	[MERGED FIELD]	

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PATIENT ENGAGEMENT AND AVAILABILITY						
I confirm the following:						
I have discussed the possibility that the diagnosis may be cancer; I have provided the patient with an Urgent Suspected Cancer						
referral leaf	let and advised the	ne patient t	hat they will need	to attend an appointment wi	thin the next tv	vo weeks
				Date of decision to re	fer	
GP Name:				(dd/mm/yy):		

REFERRAL CRITERIA

Please note - appending a FIT result to this referral enables patients to be prioritised to the correct service and supports the provision of the right care, at the right time, in the right place. FIT should be offered even if the person has previously had a negative FIT result through the NHS bowel cancer screening programme. Please refer with a FIT result in line with NICE DG56

\Box FIT value meets NICE recommended threshold for referral (i.e. FIT \ge 10):

FIT value [auto-populate or enter text]

Reason FIT was requested (based on NICE guidelines for adults, NG12, updated 2023):

- \Box Abdominal mass
- □ change in bowel habit
- □ Iron Deficiency Anaemia (IDA)
- $\Box \ge 40$ years with unexplained weight loss and abdominal pain
- < 50 years with rectal bleeding AND any one of the following unexplained symptoms (please check those that apply)
- Abdominal pain or
- □ Weight loss
- ≥ 50 years with any of the following unexplained symptoms (please check those that apply)
 - □ Rectal bleeding or
 - \Box Abdominal pain or
 - Weight loss
- $\Box \ge 60$ years with anaemia even in the absence of iron deficiency

□ Strong clinical suspicion of colorectal cancer but FIT value is <10: (Please consider other potential tumour sites including upper GI, gynaecological and others before referring to lower GI)

FIT value [auto-populate or enter text]

- **Reason for referral:**
- □ Persistent /recurrent anorectal bleeding

□ Strong clinical concern of cancer because of ongoing unexplained symptoms (please state reason here)

□ FIT result NOT required before making suspected cancer referral (please indicate reason):

- □ Rectal mass
- □ Anal mass
- □ Unexplained anal ulceration
- □ Unexplained abdominal mass, not gynaecological
- □ Patient unable to complete a FIT due to physical/mental constraints but has concerning colorectal symptoms

Please note: If your patient is symptomatic (regardless of age) and the FIT is below threshold (<10) then, if clinically appropriate, further options to consider include:

- Refer on a routine/urgent colorectal pathway
- Refer to a local Non Site-Specific service (NSS), if available
- Consider advice and guidance

REFERRAL WHERE NICE NG 12 GUIDANCE IS NOT MET

NOTE: Whilst guidance assists the practice of healthcare professionals, they do not replace their knowledge, skills or clinical judgement. Tick the following boxes if you are unsure if a patient meets the NICE criteria

I am very concerned my patient has cancer but they do not meet the NICE NG 12 criteria

If yes, please state why you have suspicions:

CLINICAL INFORMATION

NOTE: Please ensure urgent blood tests are undertaken for FBC, Ferritin, electrolytes and creatinine Relevant clinical details including past history of cancer, family history and examination findings:

FBC	Yes	No 🗌	Results attached	Yes	No	
Ferritin	Yes	No	Results attached	Yes	No	
Electrolytes and creatinine	Yes	No 🗌	Results attached	Yes	No	
Anticoagulation	Yes					
Cognitive Impairment (e.g. dementia/learning disability, memory loss etc.)	Yes					
Is a hoist required to examine the patient?	Yes					

PATI	PATIENT'S WHO PERFORMANCE STATUS					
	0	Able to carry on all normal activity without restriction				
	1	Restricted in physically strenuous activity but able to walk and do light work				
	2	Ambulatory and capable of all self-care but unable to carry out any work activities; up and about more than 50% of waking hours				
	3	Symptomatic and in a chair or in a bed for greater than 50% of the day but not bedridden				
	4	Completely disabled; cannot carry out any self-care; totally confined to bed or chair				

ADDITIONAL GP GUIDANCE

NOTE: If significantly compromised by other co-morbidities or with limited life expectancy consider a discussion with the patient and carer regarding whether investigation is necessary

PATIENT CLINICAL INFORMATION FROM MERGED GP ELECTRONIC RECORDS				
Allergies:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Active Problems:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Investigations:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Significant past history:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Current medication:	[MERGED FIELD]			
Repeat medication:	[MERGED FIELD]			