


Important Changes to Endoscopy referrals

Due to increasing pressure on the endoscopy services at OUHFT, we are altering the service pathways for patients, to safely maximise the use of the current capacity available.

Effective from **Monday 17th August 2020**:

- **All 2 week wait (upper and lower GI)** referrals can be made to *either* InHealth Community Endoscopy Services or OUH Endoscopy as per usual.
- **There is a new 2ww Suspected Colorectal Cancer pro forma** with details of how and where to refer.
Please be aware of the new [TVCA guidance](#) for LGI referrals and the need to provide a **FIT test** for all *appropriate* patients (see below) in order for the referral to be accepted by any provider.

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| Ctrl-Click to see new COVID19 pathway (infographic)  |
| <p>If none of the Immediate Referral Criteria are met, arrange bloods + FIT test and follow the pathway linked above</p> |
| <p>Full details in ClinOx folder: Ctrl-Click occg.info/Lower-GI-2ww-pathway</p> |

| Immediate Referral Criteria | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Any age | Unexplained rectal mass | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Unexplained abdominal mass | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Unexplained anal mass | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Unexplained anal ulceration | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| Unexplained rectal bleeding <small>Your patient is Age old</small> | 50 or over | | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Under 50 | Weight loss | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Iron deficiency anaemia | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Change in bowel habit | Constipation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | | Diarrhoea | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Abdominal pain | | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

| FIT-based Referral Criteria <small>(patients of any age)</small> | | | |
|---|--|--------------|--------------------------|
| FIT result <small>(≥10 ug/g is +ve)</small> | Single Code Entry: Quantitative faecal immunochemical test | | |
| FIT +ve | Weight loss | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Iron deficiency anaemia | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Change in bowel habit | Constipation | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | | Diarrhoea | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Abdominal / pelvic pain | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other indication - please identify the reason for referral in your referral narrative below and ensure the details are included | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FIT -ve | Significant clinical concern or progressive / alarm symptoms | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Specialist advice to refer to 2ww | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- Diagnostic accuracy of the FIT test is to be found [here](#) and Patient Information is [here](#).
- In line with other cancer referrals please ensure that the [Two Week Wait leaflet](#) is given to the patient to explain that they are on a cancer pathway and what to expect. This is a mandatory step and failure to communicate this leads to many issues in terms of wasted capacity and delayed diagnoses.

NEW

- All suitable* [Routine Lower GI Endoscopy referrals](#) should be made to **InHealth Community Endoscopy Service** under the new service descriptions listed below (**not to OUH**)
See Endoscopy - Lower GI (Not 2ww) Referral Form

Referral can be made to Witney or Bicester. Please ensure that your patients are aware of these referral choices, and the initial telephone assessment, which will enable the most appropriate triage process for the patient.

New lower GI Service descriptions are:

- **Service Name: Community Endoscopy Lower GI Telephone Assessment service - Bicester - InHealth Endoscopy - NV1**
- **Service Name: Community Endoscopy Lower GI Telephone Assessment service - Witney - InHealth Endoscopy - NV1**

*Please note that the patient must be suitable for this service (See proforma). If not please use the OUH

- **Routine upper GI (non 2ww) endoscopy** referrals can be made to either OUH Endoscopy (as per the usual pathway) or InHealth Community Endoscopy. See Endoscopy - Upper GI (Not 2ww) Referral Form.

Please note that new community endoscopy service descriptions will also be introduced in coming weeks, these will be:

- Service Name: Community Endoscopy Upper GI Telephone Assessment service - Bicester - InHealth Endoscopy - NV1
- Service Name: Community Endoscopy Upper GI Telephone Assessment service - Witney - InHealth Endoscopy - NV1

For queries about the availability of endoscopy at OUH please contact the admin team on:

- John Radcliffe: 01865 223010
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- Please email the planned care team (OCCG.plannedcare@nhs.net) if you have any issues with this new process. Thank you for your co-operation in helping to facilitate better patient care.

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