

Referral / Inclusion Criteria

- GP Clinical Suspicion / "gut feeling" of cancer but not indicative of tumour site
- New unexplained weight loss (either documented 5% or more of body weight in three months or with strong clinical suspicion)
- New unexplained loss of appetite, fatigue, nausea, malaise, or bloating of four weeks or more (less if strong clinical suspicion)
- New unexplained, unexpected, or progressive pain, including bone pain, of four weeks or more
- Unexplained laboratory test findings (e.g. Thrombocytosis potentially indicative of lung, endometrial, gastric, oesophageal and colorectal (LEGO-C) cancers)
- >18 years of age
- The patient is well enough to go through the process
- RCDS bundle investigations have been requested
- There is no other urgent referral pathway suitable for this clinical scenario

Exclusion Criteria

- Patients already on or suitable for a tumour site specific urgent suspicion of cancer referral pathway
- Symptoms likely due to recurrence of previous cancer - refer to previous specialty
- Cancer of unknown origin found on primary care radiological investigation(s) - consider the most likely NHS Borders tumour site specific pathway or Cancer of Unknown Primary (CUP) pathway via Sci-Gateway > Lothian > WGH > Medical Oncology > CUP
- Referrals from Secondary Care or non-Borders residents
- Patients aged <18
- Patient too unwell to attend or likely to require acute admission
- A serious non-cancer diagnosis is likely - these should be referred to the appropriate specialty

Borders RCDS Protocol R21

Urgency/Priority of referral * Urgent - Suspicion of cancer

Suspicion of cancer discussed with patient? * Yes No

Reason for referral

Provisional Diagnosis / Presenting Complaint * AB

Main referral text AB

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New unexplained,
unexpected, or
 Yes
 No

progressive pain,
including bone pain, of
four weeks or more *

Unexplained laboratory
test findings (e.g.
 Yes
 No

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potentially indicative of
lung, endometrial,
gastric, oesophageal and
colorectal (LEGO-C)
cancers) *

Please confirm the following have taken place

Chest, abdominal, lymph
node, and urinalysis
examinations *

Relevant findings

Mandatory RCDS blood bundle obtained.

Please either select RCDS Female or RCDS Male
from GPOC > Star icon > Order sets.

FBC, ESR, CRP, U&E,
LFT, gGT, TSH, HbA1c,
bone profile, full iron
studies, vitamin B12,
folate, blood borne virus
screen (HIV, Hep B, Hep
C), CA125 or PSA *

Relevant findings

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