

URGENT REFERRAL FOR SUSPECTED UPPER GI CANCER (Version 4.0, 2010)

If you wish to include an accompanying letter, please do so. On completion please **FAX** to one of the numbers below

These forms should only be used for suspected cancer and in conjunction with the NICE Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer, June 2005

PATIENT AND GP DETAILS

PATIENT

Surname
 Forename
 D.O.B. Gender
 Address

 Postcode
 Telephone
 NHS No
 Interpreter required Yes/No (Delete as applicable)
 Language

 Serious mobility problems?

GP DETAILS (inc Fax Number)

Date of Decision to Refer

Date of Referral

GP Signature

INDICATION FOR REFERRAL: Choose A or B

A: URGENT ENDOSCOPY

- >55 with persistent dyspepsia of **recent onset***
- Persistent vomiting **with** dyspepsia
- Unintentional weight loss **with** dyspepsia
- Dysphagia
- Haematemesis/melaena (not needing admission)
- Suspicious barium meal

* **Recent onset means NEW and not a recurrence of previous dyspepsia**

Additional Information:

Diabetes: On tablets? On insulin?

Confirm patient **NOT** taking proton pump inhibitor now

B: FAST-TRACK OUT PATIENT (< 2 WKS)

- Iron deficiency anaemia (men/non-menstruating women)
- It is essential following is provided or referral will be returned**
- Hb result.....g/dl Ferritin result ug/L
- Jaundice
- Upper abdominal pain **and** weight loss
- Upper abdominal mass

UPPER GI CLINICS WITH RAPID ACCESS FACILITIES

Hospital	Tel	Method of Referral
Heart of England	0121 424 5000	Choose & Book or bhs-tr.2ww-referrals@nhs.net

GP Declaration

- I have informed the patient they have suspected Upper GI cancer or symptoms which may be caused by cancer and that they are being referred to the rapid access suspected cancer clinic.
- I have provided the patient with a 2 week wait information leaflet.
- My patient has confirmed they are available to attend within 2 weeks.

Why Have I Been Given a ‘Two Week Wait’ Hospital Appointment?

Thank you for choosing Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust for your Two Week Wait appointment.

Why have I been referred?

Your GP has requested an urgent appointment for you to see a specialist to investigate possible cancer or a breast symptom where cancer is not expected.

The NHS Constitution gives patients the right to be seen by a cancer specialist within two weeks, following an urgent GP referral where cancer is suspected or if you have a breast symptom where cancer is not suspected. Exceptions include personal choice to wait longer.

Will I be seen at the hospital of my choice?

To ensure you can be seen within two weeks of your GP referral you may not be offered the hospital of your first choice as, in order to assess you quickly, you may need to be seen at any one of the Heart of England Foundation Trust (HEFT) sites: Good Hope Hospital, Heartlands Hospital, Solihull Hospital or Birmingham Chest clinic. **This does not mean that you will have to continue to be seen at the same hospital site if you need further tests or treatment. You can ask to be seen elsewhere for follow up.**

What do I need to do?

Please ensure you read through the information provided on this website about your appointment, this will give you an understanding of what will happen at the appointment.

Who do I contact to rearrange my appointment?

It is important that you are seen without delay but if you have confirmed an appointment and cannot attend, please telephone 0121 424 500 to rearrange and to free up your appointment for another urgent patient referral.

What happens next?

You will be contacted by phone to arrange an appointment – this may be offered at short notice (the following day) or at any time within the next 2 weeks.

Thank you for your cooperation and we hope that all is well for you when you go for your appointment.

For more information on what will happen at your appointment please visit our website

www.heartofengland.nhs.uk/rapid-access-2-week-wait/