

**Covid**  
**Communication to GPs Regarding Suspected Cancer Referrals**  
**Use of FIT for 2 week wait referrals for suspected colorectal cancer**  
**23 September 2020**

*To GPs and practice managers for dissemination to all surgery staff.*

Dear GP Colleague,

The referral guideline for patients with suspected lower GI cancer which accompanies this letter recommends that all patients entering the pathway should, if possible, have a FIT test performed in primary care, and that the result be included in the referral.

Provision of this information at the point of initial specialist triage allows for more rapid access to the most appropriate test. For the patient the fastest and most efficient way for this to be achieved is if the FIT test is ordered by the GP. I hope you find the guideline helpful. This does not replace your clinical acumen, experience, or intuition, which we know between them to be amongst the most potent clinical tools at our disposal.

Thank you for taking the time to read the guideline, and for arranging FIT testing for patients who need it.

With best wishes

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