

NON-SITE-SPECIFIC CANCER SYMPTOMS

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Supporting earlier & faster cancer diagnosis

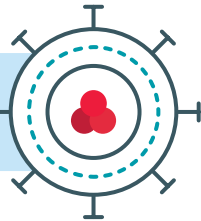
ANY CONCERNING SYMPTOMS?

Concerning symptoms which do not fit into a clear site-specific suspected cancer pathway include:

- Weight loss
- Decreased appetite
- Nausea
- Bloating
- Vague abdominal pain >4 weeks
- Fatigue
- Night sweats
- Persistent or unexplained pain
- Abnormal radiology suggesting cancer (MUO)
- Anaemia
- Inguinal lymphadenopathy



REMEMBER: GP gut feeling and/or continued patient or family concern is important to note.



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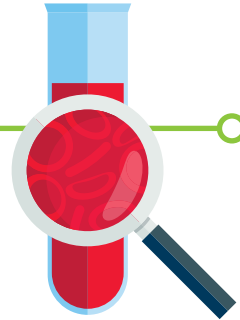
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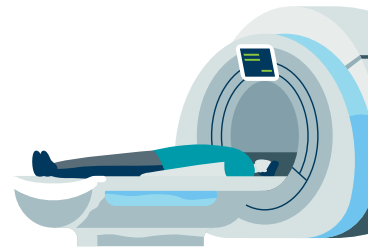


BLOOD TESTS

Abnormal blood test results, such as anaemia or raised platelets, may trigger a suspected cancer pathway referral. Primary care professionals are asked to complete a series of pre-referral blood tests to rule out other causes of non-specific symptoms.

CT SCAN

CT scan (thorax, abdomen, and pelvis) is a gold standard test. However, a negative CT scan does not exclude cancer and patients may be offered other tests.



DON'T FORGET SAFETY-NETTING

It is important that patients return to their GP if symptoms persist, worsen, or change and that they understand the procedures for any pre-referral tests.



FAECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL TEST (FIT)

Primary care professionals are asked to send a FIT with all referrals. This helps triage patients to the most appropriate initial investigations.



EXAMINATION

Physical examination can be critical to add clinical context to equivocal findings on imaging.

GREATER MANCHESTER REFERRAL PROFORMA

- Please refer all patients using the Greater Manchester form
- Ensure the patient understands the reason for referral
- Include frailty information as this helps direct patients to the most appropriate investigation or assessment

REFERRAL PROCESS FOR GREATER MCR

FIT

CT scan