# NON-SITE-SPECIFIC CANCER SYMPTOMS THINK A-G



**BLOOD TESTS** 

Abnormal blood test results, such as anaemia or raised platelets,

may trigger a suspected cancer

complete a series of pre-referral

causes of non-specific symptoms.

pathway referral. Primary care

professionals are asked to

blood tests to rule out other

Supporting earlier & faster cancer diagnosis

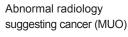


Concerning symptoms which do not fit into a clear site-specific suspected cancer pathway include:

- Weight loss
- Night sweats
- Decreased appetite
- Nausea
- Bloating
- Vague abdominal pain >4 weeks
- Fatigue

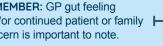
- Persistent or unexplained pain
- Abnormal radiology
- Anaemia
- Inquinal lymphadenopathy

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



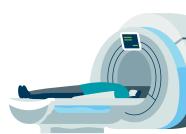
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## **CT SCAN**

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.



**EXAMINATION** 

Physical examination

can be critical to

on imaging.

add clinical context

to equivocal findings

#### **DON'T FORGET** SAFETY-NETTING

### 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.

#### **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





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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.