

# CANCER SYMPTOM RECOGNITION

## THINK A-G



Supporting earlier & faster cancer diagnosis

### ACCESS SUPPORT FROM COLLEAGUES

Non-clinical staff are vital in the management of patients' appointments and correspondence. It is essential that non-clinical teams feel able to access support from colleagues.



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### BUMPS, LUMPS & UNEXPLAINED BLEEDING

Be aware that the following may be a warning sign for cancer:

- New lumps appearing on the body
- New moles or moles that have changed
- Blood in the urine, blood in the stool or coughing up blood

A persistent cough, weight loss or difficulty swallowing can also be markers of cancer.



### CONSIDER HARD TO REACH GROUPS

Be alert to people who:

- Do not normally book an appointment and have a significant symptom
- Have taken time off work
- Call several days in a row or have had several appointments
- Have communication challenges
- Struggle to access care without support
- Have a concern raised about their health by a family member or friend



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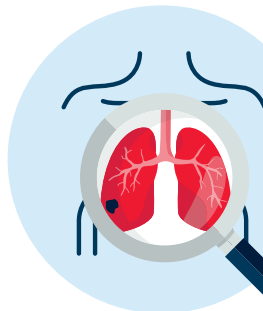
### DON'T BE FRIGHTENED TO BE WRONG

Do not be concerned about being wrong if you have a suspicion that a patient requires urgent care.

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### EARLY DIAGNOSIS SAVES LIVES

Non-clinical staff can save lives by recognising patients with suspected cancer symptoms.



### FOLLOW YOUR GUT INSTINCT

Gut feelings can have a role in cancer diagnosis and can support timely referrals.



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### 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

- GM referral form
- Bloods
- RDC referral (if appropriate)