 

**Suspected Cancer Non-Specific (Vague) Symptoms (NSS) Referral Form**

*Delivery of safety netting for patients on urgent referral pathway for suspected cancer 🞏*

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| **Please view the Suspected Cancer Non-Specific Symptoms (Suspected Cancer Non-Specific Service) Referral Guide at hhttps://**[**www.fhft.nhs.uk/gps/gp-centre/referrals-key-contacts/**](http://www.fhft.nhs.uk/gps/gp-centre/referrals-key-contacts/) **before completing this form.** | |
| This referral proforma is intended for patients with “Non Specific but Concerning Symptoms” and clinical signs that could present cancer or serious disease, but that do not already have a designated pathway for urgent investigation or referral.  Please note that all patients will go straight to have a CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis scan. If no cancer or other new pathology is diagnosed the patient will be discharged to you with a summary of the test results and clinical f iindings**.**  If . If patient has a history of cancer within the last 5 years, please consider if this may be recurrence rather than a true unknown primary cancer.  Patients with suspected recurrence or under active surveillance should be referred back to the site specific team.  **If the patient has had a CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis in the last 12 months patient will not be accepted.** | |
| A[ll GP referrals to the NSS Pathway must be submitted using the NHS](https://www.fhft.nhs.uk/gps/gp-centre/referrals-key-contacts/) e-Referral Service (e-RS). Referrals sent by email or by post from GPs **will not** be processed. **Please ensure you select the correct clinic / hospital / service according to patient location as shown to the right.** | [**Frimley Park Hospital**](https://www.fhft.nhs.uk/gps/gp-centre/referrals-key-contacts/)  **Specialty:** 2WW  **Clinic Type:** Non-Specific Symptoms |
| **Wexham Park Hospital**  **Specialty:** 2WW  **Clinic Type:** Non-Specific Symptoms |
| **FAILURE TO FILL IN EACH SECTION OF THIS FORM MAY LEAD TO DELAYS IN THE REFERRAL PROCESS** | |

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| **Patient Details Patient’s background and culture** | | | | | |
| Surname: |  | | | Ethnicity: |  |
| Forename: |  | | | 1st Language: |  |
| Title: |  | | | NHS Number: |  |
| DOB: |  | | | Hospital Number: |  |
| Sex: |  | Age: |  | Interpreter required? Yes No | |
| Address: |  | | | **GP Details** | |
| Referring GP: |  |
| GP address: |  |
| Please state number(s) for use in the next 24 hours: | | | |
| Telephone Daytime  Number(s): Work  Mobile | | | |
| Patient agrees to telephone call/text message being sent?  Yes No | | | | Practice email: |  |
| If no, please state other preferred alternative i.e. email address | | | | GP Tel No: |  |

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| **Suspected Cancer Non-Specific Symptoms NSS Referral Communication Checklist - p lease select** | | | | |
| **NOTE: It is essential that you answer all questions in this section** | | | | |
| The patient has been advised that the diagnosis could possibly be cancer and they understand they may need a CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis and further investigations if indicated. | Yes |  |  |  |
| No |  | * why not? |  |
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| The patient has been advised and confirmed they will be available for an appointment within the next 7 days and can be contacted by phone. |  |  |  |  |
| Yes |  |  | *NB. Please only submit this referral when*  *the answer is Yeeeessss* |
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| The patient has been counselled regarding the referral process and offered a copy of the **F ast Track Suspected Cancer Patient**  **I nformation Leaflet**? Offering written patient information increases patient experience and reduces non-attendance. | Yes  No |  | * why not? | |
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| **REFERRAL CRITERIA** | | | | | | | |
| **Please briefly outline the main reason for referral / current health issue of concern and select relevant symptoms below:**  *(to reduce delays please give as much information as possible)* | | | | | | | |
| **Checklist** | **PLEASE SELECT TO CONFIRM ALL PREREQUISITE TESTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED PRIOR TO REFERRAL**  **– referrals sent without required test results will be redirected back to GP** | | | | | | |
| 18 years of age | | | | | | |
| Patient is fit and suitable for a CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis investigation | | | | | | |
| **Referral Criteria**  Select all that apply | New unexplained and unintentional weight loss (5% in the last 3 months) | | | Amount: | Duration: | | Current weight: |
| New unexplained constitutional symptoms (4 weeks or more)  Persistent nausea Loss of appetite Fatigue Malaise Bloating | | | | | | |
| New unexplained, unexpected or progressive pain including bone pain (4 weeks or more) | | | | **Duration weeks** | | |
| New unexplained vague abdominal pain – **please attach the most recent ultrasound scan report** | | | | | | |
| GP Clinical Suspicion of cancer or serious disease/GP “gut feeling” – reasons to be described clearly: | | | | | | |
| Duration of symptoms:  Number of A&E Visits / GP / Out of Hours / 111 consultations with these symptoms: Past / Family history of cancer including date of diagnosis: | | | | | | | |
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| **Investigations required to support referral**  Please note that all patients will go straight to have a CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis scan. Please ensure the following recent blood results are available **(within four weeks).**  **I** | | | | | | | |
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| FBC Or date of test | | | | | | | |
| U&Es with eGFR Or date of test  U&E (urea and electrolytes)  eGFR | | | | | | | |
| ESR and/or CRP Or date of test  ESR-Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate  CRP (C-Reactive Protein) | | | | | | | |
| Protein electrophoresis Or date of test | | | | | | | |
| LFTs Or date of test | | | | | | | |
| HbA1c Or date of test | | | | | | | |
| INR Or date of test  (if on warfarin)  or Full coagulation screen  (if otherwise clinically indicated) | | | | | | | |

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| B12/Ferritin/Folate (if anaemic) B12  Ferritin  Folate | | | |  | Or date of test |
| Bone Profile | | | |  | Or date of test |
| TSH | | | |  | Or date of test |
| CA125 (women)/PSA (men) CA125  PSA | | | |  | Or date of test |
| Coeliac screen/TTG (optional if clinically appropriate)  Coeliac Screen  TTG (tissue transglutaminase) | | | |  | Or date of test |
| HIV (optional if clinically appropriate) | | | |  | Or date of test |
| Is the patient on anticoagulant or antiplatelet medication? Yes  If yes, please state the reason why the patient is taking medication and the medication Anticoagulant  Antiplatelet | | | | No |  |
| **Relevant past clinical history** *(please provide as much detail as possible)* | | | | | |
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| Current medication and allergies: (Attach printout) Medication  Allergies | | | | | |
| Past Medical History (including psychological or mental health if any of note): | | | | | |
| Attachments: Letter: | | Medication List: | Other: | | |
| **MANDATORY BOX FOR ALL PATIENTS – WHO PERFORMANCE SCORE**  Enter score to establish if patient is suitable for straight to CT scan | | | | | |
| **0** | **Fully active**, able to carry out all pre-disease performance without restriction | | | | |
| **1** | **Restricted in physically strenuous activity** but ambulatory and able to carry out light/sedentary work, e.g. house or office work. | | | | |
| **2** | Ambulatory and capable of self-care, but **unable to carry out work activities** . Up and active 50% of waking hours. | | | | |
| **3** | **Capable of only limited self-care**. Confined to bed or chair 50% of waking hours. | | | | |
| **4** | **Completely disabled**. Cannot carry out any self-care. Totally confined to bed or chair. | | | | |

# R ockwood Clinical Frailty Score (please select)

1. **Very Fit** – robust, fully active, energetic and motivated and exercise regularly
2. **Well** – no active disease symptoms but are less fit than category 1. Occasionally exercise (able to carry out light work).
3. **Managing Well** – medical problems are well controlled but are not regularly active beyond routine walking (up and about 80% of waking time)
4. **Vulnerable** – while not dependent on others for daily help, symptoms limit activities (tired during the day)
5. **Mildly Frail** – often have more evident slowing, and need help in high order instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs) (progressively impairs light work)
6. **Moderately Frail** – need help with all outside and household activities including self-care
7. **Severely Frail** – completely dependent for personal care, (physical or cognitive), but stable and not at high risk of dying within 6 months (confined to bed/chair 50%)
8. **Very Severely Frail** - completely dependent, approaching the end of life. Typically, they could not recover even from a minor illness (no self-care, confined to bed/chair 100%)
9. **Terminally Ill** - approaching the end of life. This category applies to people with a life expectancy 6 months, who are not otherwise evidently frail.

**WEXHAM PARK OR FRIMLEY PARK HOSPITAL:** For questions about the NSS process or patient eligibility, please contact the NSS Patient Navigator at f[hft.nss@nhs.net](mailto:hft.nss@nhs.net) or by calling0300 613 3535.

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| **FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**  *((( (* ***(This section to be completed by the Navigator upon receipt of the referral)***  **DATE REFERRAL RECEIVED: REFERRAL ACCEPTED BY: REDIRECTED**  **Reason(s):** Incomplete NSS criteria not met  Other Briefly state the reason for redirection:  If redirected but triaged to appropriate or specific suspected cancer pathway, please state the site: | |  | Alternative pathway available |
| I have notified the referring GP Practice: | Yes | **DATE:** | |

# Accessible Information Needs (AIS):



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| Date First Uploaded: | November 2021 |

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*(Note, patient information is not to be sent to this address)* FHC3003