

Non-Site-Specific Rapid Diagnostic Centre (NSS RDC): increased capacity for referrals

We are pleased to inform you that the Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust Non-Site-Specific Rapid Diagnostic Centre is expanding and has increased capacity for referrals. Clinics are held at both St Mary's and Charing Cross hospitals.

Purpose of the clinic:

The aim of the service is to establish a vague symptoms clinic for all primary care patients with non-specific signs or symptoms, which may suggest cancer but that do not fit a site specific urgent suspected cancer pathway.

Who to refer:

Patients may be referred with clinical presentations such as:

- GP "gut feeling" of a new cancer diagnosis, where the referral does not meet alternative tumour specific referral criteria
- New concerning non-specific abdominal symptoms of four weeks or more
- New unexplained and unintentional weight loss >5% in three months
- New unexplained or progressive pain, of four weeks or more

Tests required prior to referral:

- Bloods: FBC, eGFR, LFTs, TFTs, HbA1c, Bone profile, CRP, ESR, PSA (men), CA 125 (women). B12/ferritin/folate/iron studies (if anaemic)
- **Quantitative Faecal Immunochemical Test (FIT):** This is essential to ensure that the patient has been referred to the correct pathway
- Chest X-ray (preferable)

How to refer:

The process is the same as other urgent suspected cancer pathways.

The referral form can be found on EMIS, SystmOne and C the Signs and sent via eRS.

Any queries?

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