

Referral process

Patients referred to the service must have all primary investigations completed before referring.

As this can delay the process Patients should be informed they have been referred and why as, we will need to contact patient.

Please include current medication and Past Medical history.

Please use current referral form which until it goes electronic you can email to: acute.oncology@nhs.net

GP enquiries and further information

If GP's should you have any enquiries about this service, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Contact Details :

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Vague Symptoms - GP Information

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Background

In March 2017 the Cheshire and Merseyside Cancer Alliance were successful in receiving Cancer Transformation Funding against a small number of national priorities; early diagnosis, implementation of the recovery package and stratified follow up pathways.

An Early Diagnosis Work Programme, has been developed to which Vague Symptoms is one of the key projects.

Benefits

For patients: -

- Improved patient experience and outcomes.
- Reduce numerous A&E admissions and hospital appointments.
- Faster and improved care for patients with vague symptoms
- A keyworker and point of access for support and advise during the process.

For GPs: -

- Direct access to CT scans and early diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected cancer, who present with vague symptoms.
- MDT review of radiology and outcome sent to GP with recommendations.
- Improved communication and access between primary and secondary services.
- A more effective service to provide a timelier outcome.
- Prevent numerous referrals to identify the cause.

Referral Criteria

Inclusion criteria for vague symptoms

- Unintentional weight loss of more than 5% in the last 3 Months.
- Abnormal Blood Tests which do not fit into any current pathway.

Persistent unexplained constitutional symptoms:

- Nausea
- Loss of appetite
- Fatigue
- Bloating
- Sweats
- Suspicious lump that doesn't fit into existing pathway

Primary Care Investigations: GP gut Feeling.

- FBC
- ESR
- LFT & TFT
- U&E
- HbA1C
- CRP
- Bone profile
- PSA (If clinically appropriate over 50yrs)
- CA125 (If clinically appropriate)(Women Only).
- Dipstick urine
- Chest x-ray (If not had done within 3 months & is medically fit.)
- Physical examination completed.
- Myeloma screen