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NEW: - Suspected Cancer: 2 Week Wait Referral Forms

1. New NICE Guidance: - Suspected Cancer: Recognition and Referral

In July 2015, NICE published new Guidance for rapid referrals for suspected cancer.

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng12?unlid=9874814692015129115552,715344344201621371358>

It offers evidence-based advice on the recognition of and referral for suspected cancer in children, young people and adults.

The new Guidance differs significantly from the previous version (2005) and includes new recommendations about recognising suspected cancer and referral.

- There is a notable shift in pathway with the expectation being that cancer is diagnosed by primary care and a referral to secondary care is for confirmation and initiation of treatment pathway.
- The new Guidance is designed to aid early diagnosis by improving referrals from the primary care.
- More emphasis is placed on the combination of symptoms that indicate a risk.
- The new recommendations range from further GP clinical examination to urgent referral to A&E.

2. New Suspected Cancer, 2 Week Wait Referral Forms

Regional cancer networks have produced revised referral forms to support adoption of the new Guidance in primary care.

- ✓ **It is highly recommended that all GPs ensure they are familiar with the new NICE Guidance and contents of the new referral forms (see 4, below, Macmillan toolkit)**
- ✓ **Locally, Luton CCG will also support Luton & Dunstable Hospital to mandate use of the new forms to ensure equity, equality and improvement in early diagnosis.**

3. Accessing the New Referral Forms:

The new Suspected Cancer: 2 week wait referral forms are included in Appendix 1 and plans are in progress to ensure GP Practice staff are familiar with their location on GP Clinical Systems.

All new 2 week wait referral forms are now available on:

- ✓ Gelifish
- ✓ SystemOne*
- ✓ EMIS Web*
- ✓ Vision*

****Fahad Matin, Project Support Manager at Luton CCG, is in the process of visiting all GP Practices to support Practice administration staff/secretarial staff with implementing use of the new referral forms.***



4. Additional Information

Macmillan has produced a useful guidance Toolkit which can be accessed here:

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/aboutus/healthandsocialcareprofessionals/macmillansprogrammesandservices/earlydiagnosisprogramme/earlydiagnosisprogramme.aspx>

For any other queries related to *'Suspected Cancer: new 2 week wait referral forms'* please contact:

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Appendix 1: *New Suspected Cancer 2 week wait referral forms*



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gynae_suspected_ca



Haematology: 1456846043_bPWk_
haematology_suspect



Breast: 1456846043_hbVD_
breast_suspected_ca



Children: 1456846043_MMxl_c
hildrens_suspected_c



Lower GI: 1456848541_HDRx_I
ower_gi_suspected_c



Lung: 1456848541_MVdV_I
ung_suspected_canci



Skin: 1456848541_PpLB_s
kin_suspected_cance



Sarcoma: 1456848541_VNBH_
sarcoma_suspected_c



Head & Neck: 1456848541_xVRJ_h
ead_and_neck_suspe



Urology: 1456848645_kJkK_u
rology_suspected_ca



Upper GI: 1456848645_wqnH_
upper_gi_suspected_



Brain: 1459418010_xfwJ_b
rain_suspected_canci