

Urgent Direct Access OGD for patients at risk of cancer

From the 6/12/21, all GPs will be able to request an urgent OGD at Musgrove Park Hospital will be able to book urgent OGDs directly from C the Signs.

From 6/12/21, if you suspect that your patient meets the criteria for suspicion of Upper GI cancer where an OGD is the first test required, you can now order an OGD directly for patients who have;

- Dysphagia (new onset or progressive)
- ≥ 55 years old with one of the following:
 - Reflux
 - Dyspepsia

Please log into C the Signs, and complete the form labelled “Direct Access OGD – MPH” and then upload to ERS.

The referral form has guidance for GPs supporting decision making for urgent OGD. MPH will aim to offer this OGD within 2 weeks from the date the referral is received. Once the OGD has been completed, the endoscopist will send you a copy of the endoscopy report unless histology has been taken. The patient will remain under your care during this phase.

If biopsies have been taken or there is any reason why the patient requires secondary care, the patient will be directly offered these, and the clinician will write to you with details of any results and a summary of any further tests or investigations required. This may include referral for surveillance or further tests to rule out pathology. The patient will then be under the care and responsibility of secondary care for their condition.

If cancer is suspected, the MPH team will pass your patient into the cancer pathway to ensure that they are offered treatment and support. You do not need to make a further 2WW referral.

Please note that this service will **not** be available at YDH so patients with these symptoms should be referred via the 2 WW Upper GI Form available on C the Signs.

We hope this service will reduce waiting times for patients and improve ease of access for GPs.

Many thanks

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