

**LTHT 2WW SUSPECTED COLORECTAL CANCER PATIENTS  
PAUSE ON REQUESTING FIT (FAECAL IMMUNOCHEMICAL TEST)  
TESTS**

**FIT - testing in patients who meet 2WW referral criteria (NG-12)  
for suspected colorectal or anal cancer - PAUSED**

**As we enter the next COVID recovery phase we are PAUSING FIT TEST REQUESTING in primary care for HIGH RISK LOWER GI 2WW PATIENTS.**

**This means that GP's are no longer required to request a FIT test for their patients at the same time as completing a lower GI 2WW referral.** The 2ww referral form is available on DART and LHP and has been updated to reflect this change.

**At present there is sufficient diagnostic capacity within radiology and endoscopy to investigate all lower GI 2WW referrals without waiting for a FIT test result ensuring that patients receive their diagnostic tests as soon as possible.**

**We will be reviewing the future role of FIT across all LTHT pathways with future recommendations to follow to enable us to restart routine and surveillance work.**

**FIT-testing in lower risk patients not meeting NG12 criteria (DG30 patients) - NO CHANGE**

The existing advice given by NICE (DG30) in patients with abdominal symptoms and **no rectal bleeding** but who do not meet the clinical criteria for a referral on NG12 remain unchanged i.e. GPs should request a FIT test.

As per previous communications please note that:

A result  $\geq 10\mu\text{g/g}$  is regarded as positive and **LTHT will automatically upgrade the patient to a 62 day lower GI cancer pathway and liaise with patients directly.** GP's do not need to complete a 2WW referral for this group of patients as they have done in the past.

For negative FIT tests in those with low risk (DG30) symptoms primary care remains responsible for communication of the result and on-going care of their patients.

**If you have queries regarding patients please contact the colorectal nursing team via email [leedsth-tr.colorectalstomacnsreferrals@nhs.net](mailto:leedsth-tr.colorectalstomacnsreferrals@nhs.net) or phone 0113 2065535.**