

Non-Specific Symptoms Rapid Diagnostic Services for suspected cancer (NSSRDS)

If cancer is suspected but there are no symptoms signs or tests to indicate a tumour specific referral route, then consider Urgent NSSRDS referral via eRS – please use NSSRDS referral form in EMIS.

Please perform baseline tests before making this referral as this may reveal a cause for symptoms, may indicate a referral to a tumour specific pathway and will allow quicker diagnosis of cancer.

INVESTIGATIONS	
Core Tests (essential)	Consider (depending on presentation and previous results)
Full Blood Count	Haematinics
ESR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B12 • Folate • Ferritin
Thyroid Function Tests	
Liver Function Tests	
Renal Profile	Myeloma Screening
HbA1C	
CRP	PSA (if clinically appropriate and born male)
Calcium Profile	CA125 (if clinically appropriate and born female)
Dipstick Urine Test	FIT Indications for FIT
Chest X-Ray (if not had in last 3mths and is medically fit to attend)	

REFERRAL CRITERIA
New unexplained and unintentional weight loss of more than 5% in the last 3 months or with strong clinical suspicion
Abnormal blood tests with no indication of a clear referral pathway
New unexplained constitutional symptoms of four weeks or more (less if very significant concern)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nausea • Loss of appetite • Fatigue • Bloating • Sweats
New unexplained vague abdominal pain of four weeks or more (less if very significant concern)

New unexplained, unexpected or progressive pain, including bone pain, of four weeks or more

GP 'gut feeling' of cancer diagnosis - Referrer should describe reasons for concern

Abnormal radiology suggesting cancer which does not meet criteria for site specific pathway.

(While it is helpful to request core blood tests, do not wait for results if radiology suggestive of Cancer of unknown origin)