**Lower gi cancer exclusion service**

**High level lower gi referral and diagnostic pathway**

1) Is 2ww referral in accordance with agreed key referral criteria including bloods
   - No: Discuss / liaise with GP
     - GP to consider 'weight loss protocol'
   - Yes: UHL book appropriate appointment documenting all earlier offers made

2) At point of referral is the patient available within next 2 weeks?
   - No: UHL book appropriate appointment

3) Is patient >80yrs or any age considered unfit for bowel prep?
   - Yes: Be prepared to do Colonoscopy. If unfit book to OPD
     - No: Colorectal or gastro clinic

4) Does the patient have a Palpable rectal or right sided abdominal mass?
   - No:
   - Yes: Colorectal clinic

5) Does the patient have unexplained iron deficiency anaemia (Men up to 75yrs / post menopausal women)
   - HB<11/d/dl in men / <10/d/dl in women. MCV<76/ Ferritin <23 men / <10 woman
     - Yes: Have they been pre assessed as fit for full bowel prep
       - Yes: Colonoscopy 1st + OGD, same day
       - No: Book to Colorectal or gastro clinic
     - No: Flexi sigmoidoscopy pre assessed for full oral bowel prep

6) Does the patient have rectal bleeding (6 weeks+) and are they aged > 60yrs
   - No: Colonscopy 1st + OGD, same day
   - Yes: Flexi sigmoidoscopy pre assessed for full oral bowel prep

7) Does the patient have a change in bowel habit (6 weeks+) and are they aged > 40yrs
   - No: Colonscopy if unfit book to OPD
   - Yes: Flexi sigmoidoscopy pre assessed for full oral bowel prep

8) Does the patient have rectal bleeding (6 weeks+), and change in bowel habit & are they aged > 40yrs
   - No: Flexi sigmoidoscopy pre assessed for full oral bowel prep
   - Yes: UHL book appropriate appointment

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**NB:** At time of endoscopy, endoscopist to take responsibility for next steps ie discharge back to GP or investigate further

At any point in diagnostic phase if the patient:-
- Requires further investigation for cancer – remain on 62 day pathway
- Requires further investigation but cancer excluded – remove from 62 pathway and monitor on referral to treatment routine
- Cancer excluded, does not require further investigation – refer back to GP

GP requested to advise why patient referred via 2ww pathway as patient has no key presenting symptoms. Refer back to GP

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