

## Confirmed Malignancy

### COLON CANCER

- Adjuvant/Post surgery
- Metastatic disease
- Recurrence

### Information Required

- Presence of Red Flags
- Detailed history of presenting signs and symptoms
- Past medical history and current medications, allergies
- All prior relevant investigations and imaging (and provider)

### Investigations Required

- Colonoscopy/Sigmoidoscopy (if available)
- Bloods: CBE/EUC/LFT, coags, CEA,
- CXR; CT chest, abdo, pelvis

\*NOTE: Appropriate clinical data would facilitate prompt appointment scheduling

### Fax Referrals to

- Flinders Cancer Clinic      Fax: (08) 8404 2152

## Red Flags

Present to **Emergency Department**

- Febrile Neutropenia
- Very high calcium (>3.0 mmol/L)
- SVC obstruction
- Spinal cord compression

### Suggested GP Management

- If screen detected colonic mass referral to Colorectal Surgeons is required.
- Majority of referrals for consideration for adjuvant chemotherapy post colectomy come from treating surgeons however, GPs are welcome to refer
- Patients previously treated for colon cancer with suspected recurrence may be referred following preliminary investigations (– refer to **Investigations Required** above).

### Clinical Resources

**For patients and GPs**

- Bowel Cancer Australia – Understanding bowel cancer  
[http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=206&Itemid=596](http://www.bowelcanceraustralia.org/bca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=206&Itemid=596)

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients)

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