

RAPID ASSESSMENT FOR FOBT +ve PATIENTS WITH STREAMLINE TO PUBLIC COLONOSCOPY LISTS

ST GEORGE HOSPITAL

The aim of this new service is to, improve the timeliness of colonoscopies for patients with +ve FOBT either as part of the National Bowel cancer Screening Program or outside of this program. This will be done by getting fast access to the colonoscopy lists for patients in the public hospital, using a telephone Nurse-Led clinic model. The Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) will liaise with Gastroenterologists on your behalf to facilitate quick response for your patients, along with providing education on diet and bowel preparation prior to their colonoscopies. The model allows the CNC as first point of call for you if you have any concerns.

The model will also aim to provide follow-up for patients who received past endoscopic polyp resections (polypectomy) in accordance with current national guidelines.

Advantages:

- Reduced wait time between a +ve FOBT and outpatient colonoscopy within the public hospital setting.
- Streamlined, fast effective access to colonoscopies for outpatients with +ve FOBT, and follow-up colonoscopies.

Suitable referrals:

- Direct referrals from GP's of asymptomatic +ve FOBT patients.
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- Patients who have had previous cancer or polyp resections, and are due for their follow-up colonoscopies, who are otherwise fit and well.

***NEW fast track referral for this service will also be circulated, please see attached!**

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