

# Gastroenterology Centralized Referral Service (GI Central Access & Triage)

Streamlining access for patients in the Calgary Zone and area needing gastrointestinal specialist care

**Effective May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021** GI Central Access & Triage will launch the following new pathway to facilitate early diagnosis of patients with high risk of Colorectal and other GI Cancers:

- **High Risk Iron Deficiency Anemia Pathway**



## What is the aim of this pathway?:

- Identify patients at high risk of cancer and expedite triage and investigation
- Reduce the number of colorectal and GI cancers diagnosed on hospital admission
- Assist primary care physicians in the identification and management of these patients

## Referral Supports

### **\*NEW\*** High Risk Iron Deficiency Anemia Pathway Document

- Includes a pathway algorithm and expanded details to guide assessment of IDA patients
- Available via Specialist Link at [www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN\\_HighRiskIDApipeline.pdf](http://www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN_HighRiskIDApipeline.pdf)

### **\*NEW\*** High Risk Iron Deficiency Anemia Referral Checklist

- Quick reference checklist to ensure accurate, appropriate and complete referral
- Available via Specialist Link at [www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN\\_HighRiskIDAReferralChecklist.pdf](http://www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN_HighRiskIDAReferralChecklist.pdf)

## Referral Details

### Steps for Referral to GI Central Access & Triage for High Risk Iron Deficiency Anemia:

1. Assess your patient using the pathway algorithm found on Specialist Link
2. Utilize Referral Checklist to ensure referral is appropriate and complete prior to sending
3. Complete Generic Referral Form (found on Alberta Referral Directory) and fax together with Referral Checklist and associated documents to GI Central Access & Triage at fax number below.