

Gastroenterology Centralized Referral Service (GI Central Access & Triage)

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

Effective May 10th, 2021 GI Central Access & Triage will launch the following new pathway to facilitate early diagnosis of patients with high risk of Colorectal Cancer:

• High Risk Rectal Bleeding Pathway

What is the aim of this pathway?



- Identify patients with worrisome presentations of rectal bleeding at high risk of colorectal cancer and expedite triage and investigation
- Reduce the number of colorectal cancer cases diagnosed on hospital admission
- Assist primary care physicians in the identification and management of these high risk patients

Referral Supports

NEW High Risk Rectal Bleeding Pathway Document

- Includes a pathway algorithm and expanded details to guide assessment of patients with rectal bleeding
- Available via Specialist Link at www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN_HighRiskRectalBleedingpathway.pdf

NEW High Risk Rectal Bleeding Referral Checklist

- Quick reference checklist to ensure accurate, appropriate and complete referral
- Available via Specialist Link at www.specialistlink.ca/files/SCN_HighRiskRectalBleedingReferralChecklist.pdf

Referral Details

Steps for Referral to GI Central Access & Triage for High Risk Rectal Bleeding:

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.