

Acute diagnostic oncology clinic

The acute diagnostic oncology clinic (ADOC) is an outpatient clinic for patients with urgent suspected cancer who are too unwell to wait for a two-week referral.

Please contact us to discuss referrals with our team before an appointment can be agreed.

Contact information



Booking

Please check that your patient meets referral criteria shown inside this leaflet.

Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm

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An oncology-led clinic

This clinic is for patients with urgent suspected new cancer who are too unwell to wait for a 'two week referral'. It is aimed at providing an alternative to referring your patient to A&E.

The clinic is not designed to compete with or replace the established two week wait pathways.

The purpose is to provide a better patient and GP experience with faster access to relevant diagnostic tests to diagnose or exclude cancer in a cost effective manner.

We aim to see patients, at an appointed time, within 24 hours of referral, Monday to Friday.

Criteria

Patients must meet the criteria:

1. Clinical or radiological evidence of new cancer diagnosis
2. Too ill to wait for the two week referral clinic
3. Well enough to attend an outpatient clinic
4. Are 18 years or over
5. Aware that they may have cancer

It is essential that you have discussed with your patient that they may have cancer before you refer them to the clinic.

Medical emergencies should not be referred to the clinic and instead should be sent to A&E.

If you are unsure that your patient meets these criteria, please contact the clinic for advice.

Booking an appointment

All referrals need to be discussed with our team before an appointment can be agreed.

The clinic

Your patient

Your patient will be met and assessed by an oncology nurse specialist, and will then be reviewed by a consultant oncologist. We aim to provide access to most investigations within 3–5 days (Mon–Fri) and work towards a preliminary diagnosis within one week. Your patient will attend diagnostic services, wherever possible, as an outpatient. We will inform you if your patient is admitted.

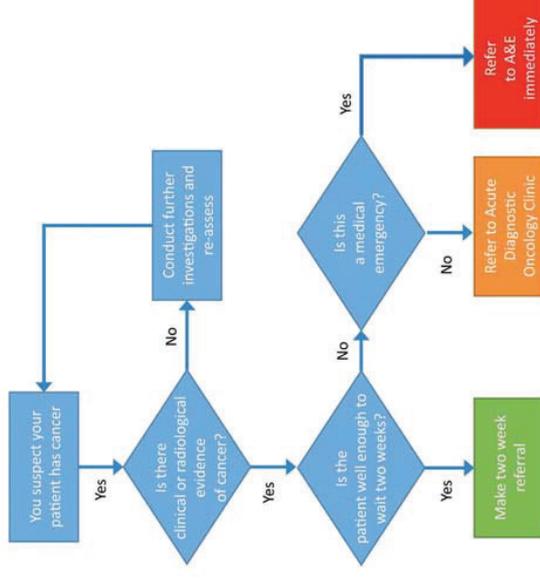
Next steps

We will notify you by email of our initial assessment and plans on the day of your patient's first appointment. A formal consultant letter will follow.

If cancer is diagnosed, patients will be referred directly to the appropriate multidisciplinary team (MDT). If cancer is excluded, your patient will be referred back to you with detailed information on tests and results, and where appropriate, suggestion for onward referral to other specialities.

The clinic team

The clinic is led by Dr Tom Newsom-Davis (Consultant Medical Oncologist) and Rachel Sharkey (Clinical Nurse Specialist in Acute Oncology). We value your opinion and invite you to provide us with feedback.



Contacting the clinic by telephone

Call the GP advice line on [redacted] and select option [redacted] for ADOC.

If your call cannot be answered, please leave a message and our team will get back to you within two hours during working hours.

Contact the clinic by email

Email a referral letter including your direct telephone number to [redacted]

A member of our clinic team will get back to you to discuss the case within four hours during working hours.

Once the referral has been accepted

We will confirm the appointment by telephone, and email. If possible, please print the patient information and give this to the patient.

We will contact the patient directly to let them know the details of the appointment.