Consider referral/investigations OR planned/patient-initiated review

Practice system for communicating abnormal test results to patient

Check up-to-date patient contact details

Tell patient:
- Reason for tests
- Who will make follow-up appointment
- When to return for results

SAFETY NETTING
SUMMARY
CANCER SUSPECTED
NO INVESTIGATIONS/REFERRALS BUT CANCER IS POSSIBLE

REPEATED CONSULTATIONS FOR SAME SYMPTOMS?

Patient communication
GP consultation
Practice process/system
Education

PATIENT PRESENTS/RE/hyphen.case PRESENTS TO GP

URGENT CANCER REFERRAL/INVESTIGATIONS ABNORMAL RESULTS NORMAL RESULTS CANCER CONFIRMED BEGIN TREATMENT CANCER EXCLUDED CANCER EXCLUDED NEW OR RECURRING SYMPTOMS


Consider further tests/investigations

ALSO CONSIDER:

REFERENCES
Keep up to date with referral guidelines for suspected cancer
Conduct an annual audit of new cancer referrals
Carry out a Significant Event Audit (SEA) of every delayed diagnosis of cancer
Consider a Significant Event Audit (SEA)
Practice process for follow-up including who will make follow-up appointments
Log safety netting advice in notes and code symptoms
Patient appointment attendance
Results viewed and acted on (including investigations ordered by locums)
Results to patient

Safety Netting Summary