

When to refer

Every patient with a suspected upper gastrointestinal tumour must see a specialist within two weeks

Urgent out-patient referral [liaise with specialist and copy to CAS]

- Dysphagia (food sticking on swallowing) at any age
- Dyspepsia at any age plus one or more of the following 'alarm' symptoms:
 - Weight loss
 - Proven anaemia
 - Vomiting
- Dyspepsia in a patient aged >55 years with at least one of the following 'high risk' features:
 - Onset of dyspepsia less than one year ago
 - Continuous symptoms since onset
- Dyspepsia plus at least one of the following known risk factors:
 - Family history of Upper GI cancer in more than 2 first degree relatives
 - Barrett's oesophagus
 - Pernicious anaemia
 - Peptic ulcer surgery over 20 years ago
 - Known dysplasia, atrophic gastritis, intestinal metaplasia
- Jaundice
- Upper abdominal mass

Refer to RARC

- if the patient does not meet the referral criteria above consider referral to CAS requesting a RARC appointment.