

NICaN Lower GI Suspected Cancer Pathway



Symptoms of suspected Lower Gastrointestinal Cancer

- Abdominal and Rectal examination



Request qFIT and include result with referral

Key test in prioritising patients for colonoscopy

- For rectal/anal/abdominal /mass or proven iron deficiency anaemia qFIT result can follow referral.



Recommended Investigations

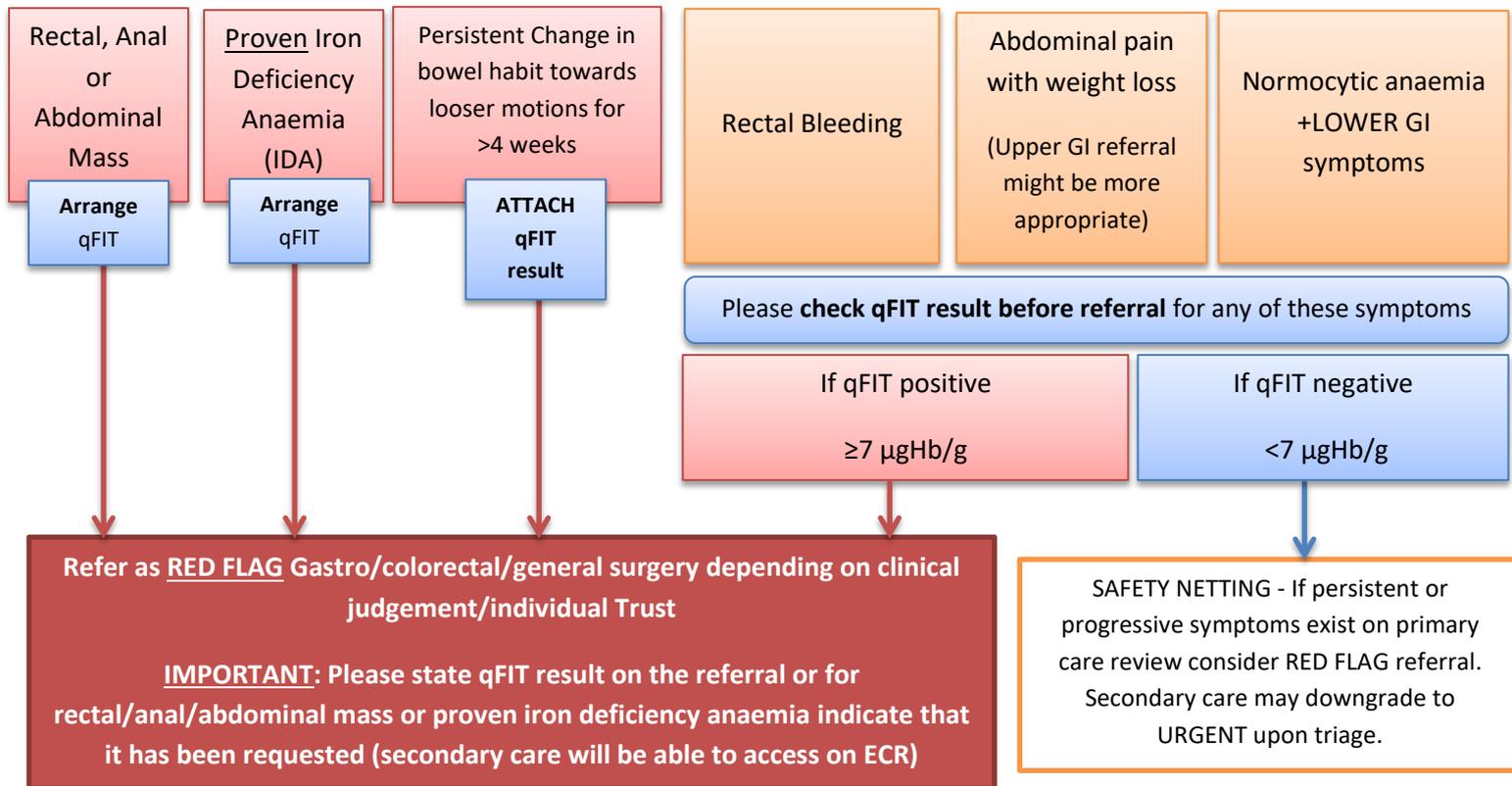
- Full Blood Count, U&E, Iron Profile (including Ferritin)
- Coeliac Profile (if Iron Deficiency anaemia , weight loss or diarrhoea)



Document fitness for investigation

Patient has been advised that further investigation may be required and appears agreeable to straight to test

High Risk Lower GI Symptoms – Based on NICE NG12/Scottish Guidance



Notes

- If patient unable to provide qFIT where requested, please make this clear in referral
- If patient does not return qFIT where requested, please reassess and safety netting
- For further guidance please refer to associated supporting documentation on NICaN website: [qFIT for lower GI symptoms | Northern Ireland Cancer Network \(hscni.net\)](http://qFITforlowerGISymptoms.nicn.net)