

## **Colorectal Cancer Service at Western Health:**

Western Health runs a multi-disciplinary Colorectal Cancer Service which is actively involved in clinical trials. We have a specialist team of colorectal surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, radiologists, palliative care physicians and pathologists working together to provide an integrated and comprehensive service.

## **Conditions not seen by the Colorectal Cancer service specialist team:**

N/A

## **Conditions that require direct referral to an Emergency Department:**

Patients presenting with:

- Symptoms of bowel obstruction
- Large volume peri-rectal bleeding

## Access & Referral Priority for Colorectal Cancer Service:

The clinical information provided in your referral will determine the triage category. The triage category will affect the timeframe in which the patient is offered an appointment.

<b>URGENT</b> Appointment timeframe 30 days	<b>ROUTINE</b> Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.
Any patient with symptoms or investigations indicating a suspicion of colorectal cancer.	-

## Condition Specific Referral Guidelines:

Key information enables Western Health to triage patients to the correct category and provide treatment with fewer visits to outpatients, creating more capacity for care. If key information is missing, you may be asked to return the referral with the required information.

Condition:	Key Information Points:	Clinical Investigations
<p>New or suspected diagnosis of colorectal cancer</p>	<p>Symptoms and signs indicating a suspicion of colorectal cancer.</p> <p>Details of family history of colorectal cancer</p>	<p>Tests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FBE LFT</li> <li>• Tumour markers if ordered</li> </ul> <p>If undertaken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Colonoscopy and biopsy reports</li> <li>• CT scan reports of chest abdo and pelvis</li> </ul> <p>Patients to bring films or disc to appointment.</p>