

Oesophageal and Gastric Cancers Service at Western Health:

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

Click [here](#) for a detailed description of this clinic within the cancer services web pages

Conditions not seen by the specialist team by Oesophageal and Gastric Cancers Service:

NA

Conditions that require direct referral to an Emergency Department:

Haematemesis and/or melaena.

Patients who are clinically unstable.

Access & Referral Priority for Oesophageal and Gastric Cancers 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.

URGENT

Appointment timeframe 30 days

Any patient with symptoms indicating a suspicion of oesophageal or gastric cancer.

- Endoscopic evidence of suspected malignancy or biopsy proven cancer
- New onset or rapidly progressive dysphagia
- New onset or rapidly progressive epigastric pain(>2 weeks)

ROUTINE

Appointment timeframe greater than 30 days, depending on clinical need.

- Persistent epigastric pain/ dyspepsia – despite 4 weeks PPI
 - Pain on swallowing
 - Food bolus obstruction
 - Anaemia – haemodynamically stable
 - Unexplained weight loss
- Early satiety

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
Any patient with symptoms indicating a suspicion of oesophageal or gastric cancer.	<p>Signs and symptoms</p> <p>Clinical symptoms and examination findings</p>	<p>Tests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gastroscopy reports if performed previously – • Full blood count • Urea, electrolytes & creatinine • Liver function test