



Musgrove Park Hospital

SURGICAL DIRECTORATE

DEPARTMENT OF ENDOSCOPY

DIRECT TO TEST OGD

From the 7 October 2019 all GPs in practices that face Musgrove Park Hospital will be able to book routine OGDs directly from ERS.

These tests can be booked by logging on to the ERS platform, and choosing “Endoscopy Gastroscopy/OGD – Direct to Procedure/Test *GP pathway*”.

A new referral form has been developed specifically for this and has guidance for GPs supporting decision making for routine OGDs. Once the OGD has been completed, the histology will be available to the referring GP in their normal results inbox if a tissue biopsy was done. A handy guide to interpreting the results of OGD histology will be added to all results. Please note, as with all tests performed as a result of a “direct to test” model, all results from these tests are the responsibility of the referring doctor, in this case, the GP.

Where significant pathology is seen at the time of the test, the endoscopist may decide that follow up in secondary care is required. If this is the case, the responsible GP will be informed and the hospital Consultant will become responsible for this aspect of the patient’s care. Where histology shows unexpected findings, these will be explained in the histology report, with an email address for further information (endoscopyreception@tst.nhs.uk), should this be required.

Please find attached documents that provide an overview of the pathway if referring in for routine OGD and also the OGD Histology guide that will be added to the Histology report for all Direct to test routine OGD results.

We hope this service will reduce waits for patients and improve ease of access for GPs.