

Direct to Test OGD Process Flowchart V4

- Patient with abdominal pain/symptoms – GP history/exam
- Primary Care Management, but patient no better
- Guidance available to GP on Direct To Test referral form
- GP completes EMIS loaded request form

- GP request scope via ERS tab “Endoscopy Gastroscopy/OGD – Direct to Procedure/Test *GP pathway*” and loads referral form.
- GP informs the patient they will have a scope and will be contacted by the hospital to book this.

Endoscopy Admissions receive referral, contact patient and book patient to Endoscopy list.

Endoscopy Reception prep notes, note Direct to Test and include an alternative Outcome form

- Endoscopy performed and HICCS Endoscopy report produced: 1 copy to the patient and 1 sent to GP practice.
- Any Histology requests **MUST** be stamped using the “Direct To Test” stamp that acts as instruction to Histology to include certain guidance in report to GP.
- Direct to Test outcome form **MUST** be completed with outcome of endoscope

No abnormality noted during scope and no Histology taken:

Direct to Test Outcome form completed to show that clinical pathway can be closed and any advice for GP contained in HICCS Endoscopy report.

Endoscopist sees abnormality and decides care to be taken over by secondary care/patient needs a rescope:

This needs to be stated in the HICCS Endoscopy report so the GP is aware the patient is now under the care of Musgrove.

Direct to Test Outcome form completed and HICCS Endoscopy report uploaded as new referral for ‘DTT onward care’ to start clinical pathway with appropriate urgency against this e.g. 2WW if cancer suspected.

This will then fall onto the Gastro or Upper GI Surgery Triage list ‘DTT onward care’. Patients with this listed against them are to be accepted by Endoscopy admissions when waiting in triage.

Biopsies taken /Histology:

Direct to Test Outcome form completed to show that the clinical pathway will be closed and Histology investigations will be ongoing under GP responsibility.

Histology advice will be contained in the Histology report sent to the GP to follow.

If advice unclear or Endoscopist specialist opinion required please send query via Endoscopy reception team email EndoscopyReception@tst.nhs.uk, telephone the Endoscopy unit (01823 342318) or via Gastroenterology Advice and Guidance route.