NEW Lower GI Symptoms
COVID RECOVERY PHASE

CHECK QFIT
Abdominal and Rectal Exam
Weight
FBC, ferritin, U&E, +/- TTG

HIGH RISK FEATURES?

YES

RECTAL or ABDOMINAL MASS
SEVERE WEIGHT LOSS
IRON DEFICIENCY ANAEMIA
NEW DAILY DIARRHOEA > 4WKS

QFIT not required
Check QFIT – enclose result with referral where possible

USoC Colorectal
USoC Gastro
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Age >40 USoC Colorectal
Age < 40 URGENT Gastro

IF CLINICAL CONCERNS WITH SEVERE SYMPTOMS AND/OR NEGATIVE QFIT:
REPEAT QFIT AND DISCUSS WITH CONSULTANT

NO

QFIT REQUIRED*

qFIT Negative < 10 µg/g
Abdominal pain/ altered bowel habit
Repeated rectal bleeding
Anorectal/ Pelvic floor symptoms

If severe, persistent symptoms review and repeat QFIT after 6 weeks.

Repeat qFIT Negative < 10 µg/g

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Include PERFORMANCE STATUS in referral

*If patient unable to provide QFIT, or GP cannot access, use appropriate drop down choice on referral

This pathway is based on the Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer and Covid19 recovery recommendations paper for qFIT approved by Scottish Government July 2020. See www.cancerreferral.scot.nhs.uk

URGENT Colorectal
ROUTINE Colorectal if required

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