

Confirmed Malignancy

CARCINOMA OF UNKNOWN PRIMARY

- Advanced cancer without an obvious primary

Information Required

- Presence of Red Flags
- Detailed history of presenting signs and symptoms
- Past medical history and current medications, allergies
- All prior relevant investigations and imaging (and provider)

***NOTE: Appropriate clinical data would facilitate prompt appointment scheduling**

Investigations Required

- Bloods:
 - CBE/EUC/LFT
 - Iron studies (iron deficiency may point towards occult GI malignancy)
 - Tumour markers e.g. CA 15.3, CA 19.9, CEA, CA 125, AFP, Beta-HCG and PSA (in men)
- Urinalysis with cytology (occult genitourinary malignancy)
- Stool FOBT
- CXR
- Mammogram (in women)
- Bone scan
- CT staging head, neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis

Fax Referrals to

- Flinders Cancer Clinic Fax: (08) 8404 2152

Red Flags

Present to **Emergency Department**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🚩 Febrile Neutropenia 🚩 Very high calcium (>3.0 mmol/L) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🚩 SVC obstruction 🚩 Spinal cord compression |
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Suggested GP Management

- **Diagnostic tissue biopsy is required.**
- Radiological imaging, tumour markers assays and immunohistochemistry markers may help in the staging and leads to a favoured primary site but they are NOT definitive diagnostic tests.
- Depending on the clinical situation, referral to clinical units may be indicated for further work-up
 - **ENT** (cervical lymphadenopathy with suspected head and neck malignancies)
 - **Rapid Lung Access Clinic** (suspected primary pulmonary carcinoma)
 - **HepBiliary unit** (suspected primary pancreaticobiliary system)
 - **BreastEndocrine unit** (isolated axillary adenopathy in women)
 - **GynaeOncology** (peritoneal carcinomatosis or inguinal nodes metastasis of squamous origin suspicious of vulvular, vaginal or cervical in origin)

Clinical Resources

- National Cancer Institute. Carcinoma of unknown primary.
<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/unknownprimary>

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNoutpatients

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