**Pan London URGENT Suspected head and neck Cancer Referral Form**

[**TOP TIPS**](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2025/08/Top-Tips-Suspected-HN-Cancer-Referrals.pdf)  
**Head and Neck urgent referrals**

**All referrals should be sent via e-RS with this form attached within 24 hours**

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| Surname: «PATIENT\_Surname» | First name: «PATIENT\_Forename1» |
| Referral date: «SYSTEM\_Date» | NHS number: «PATIENT\_Current\_NHS\_Number» |
| Patient’s hospital of choice: [     ] [click here to access the hospitals directory](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/cancer-earlier-diagnosis/urgent-cancer-referrals/hospital-directory/) | |

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| 1. **REASON FOR REFERRAL– ESSENTIAL**   *See* [Pan London Suspected Head and Neck Cancer Referral Guide](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/wp-content/uploads/sites/8/2024/10/USC-Head-and-neck-cancer-clinical-guide.pdf) |
| ***Please record below the history and findings on physical examination and why you feel the patient may have cancer:*** |
| 1. **SPECIFIC CRITERIA FOR URGENT REFERRAL – ESSENTIAL** |
| **Criteria for urgent referral NECK MASS including SUSPECTED MALIGNANT LYMPH NODE:** |
| Palpable neck lump/mass (excluding thyroid) |
| **Criteria for urgent referral LARYNGEAL/PHARYNGEAL CANCER:** |
| ≥ 4 weeks of persistent, particularly unilateral, discomfort in the throat or throat pain  ≥ 40 years old with ≥ 3 weeks of at least one of the following (please mark relevant boxes):  Persistent unexplained hoarseness  Dysphagia  Odynophagia  Otalgia |
| **Criteria for urgent referral EAR/NOSE/SINUS CANCER** |
| Unilateral otalgia in the absence of any localised ear findings  Orbital/facial/nasal mass  Suspicious facial pain |
| **Criteria for urgent referral THYROID CANCER:** |
| Palpable solitary thyroid lump ≥1cm  Ultrasound suggestive of a thyroid cancer ≥1cm (attach report)  Enlarging goitre |
| **Criteria for urgent referral ORAL/LIP CANCER** |
| ≥ 3 weeks of ulceration in the oral cavity  Suspicious lump/mass on the lip or in the oral cavity  Red / Red & white patch in the oral cavity suggestive of leukoplakia or erythroleukoplakia  Tooth mobility not associated with periodontal disease  Poor healing ≥ 3 weeks post tooth extraction |
| **Criteria for urgent referral SALIVARY CANCER:** |
| Parotid **OR** submandibular swelling Firm sub-mucosal swelling in the oral cavity |
| Referral is due to **clinical concerns that do not meet above criteria - please provide full description in Section 1**  ***If no specific criteria are met,*** *consider seeking Advice and Guidance from a specialist before referring urgently* |
| **Clinical risk factors**  Alcohol history,  HPV,  HIV,  Previous irradiation to head and neck,  Family history of thyroid cancer,  Ex-smoker,  Oral tobacco use,  Current smoker If yes:       packs per day       years smoked |

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| 1. **INFORMATION FOR HOSPITAL ASSESSMENT – ESSENTIAL** | |
| **WHO Performance status** | |
| **0** Fully active  **1** Restricted physically but ambulatory and able to carry out light work  **2** Ambulatory more than 50% of waking hours; able to carry out self-care  **3** Limited self-care; confined to bed or chair more than 50% of waking hours  **4** Completely disabled; cannot carry out any self-care. The patient is totally confined to bed or chair | |
| **Other access needs** *- Please detail per the selected options in the field below* | |
| Interpreter required If Yes, Language:  Transport required  Wheelchair access required | Cognitive impairment including dementia  Learning disability ([see London LD contacts](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/learning-disabilities/publications/))  Mental health issues that may impact on engagement  SMI |
| Details of learning disabilities, access needs and reasonable adjustments: | |

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| 1. **ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT CLINICAL INFORMATION** |
| Past history of cancer: |
| Relevant family history of cancer: |
| Safeguarding concerns: |
| Other relevant information about patient’s circumstances: |
| Patient referred/previously investigated for similar symptoms at other hospital/service?  No  Yes, please give details: |

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| I have discussed the **possible diagnosis of cancer** with the patient [(Patient Information Resources)](https://www.england.nhs.uk/london/london-clinical-networks/our-networks/cancer-earlier-diagnosis/patient-information-resources/) |
| I confirm patient will be **available over the next 28 days to attend all appointments and tests required for assessment** |
| The patient has been advised that the hospital care **may contact them by telephone** |
| Patient added to the practice **safety-netting system** and practice review by DDMMYY *(manual entry)* |

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| 1. **REFERRER DETAILS** | |
| Usual GP name: «PATIENT\_Usual\_GP» | Referring clinician: «REFERRAL\_Clinician» |
| Practice code: | Practice address: «PRACTICE\_House» «PRACTICE\_Road», «PRACTICE\_Locality», «PRACTICE\_Town», «PRACTICE\_Postcode» |
| Practice name: «PRACTICE\_Name» | Email: |
| Main Tel: «PRACTICE\_Main\_Comm\_No» | Practice bypass numbers can be found using the [NHS Service Finder website](https://servicefinder.nhs.uk/) |

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| 1. **PATIENT DETAILS** | |
| Surname: «PATIENT\_Surname» | First name: «PATIENT\_Forename1» |
| NHS number: «PATIENT\_Current\_NHS\_Number» | Title: «PATIENT\_Title» |
| Gender on NHS record: «PATIENT\_Sex» | Gender Identity:       ***(manual entry)*** |
| Ethnicity: | |
| DOB: «PATIENT\_Date\_of\_Birth» | Age: «PATIENT\_Age» |
| Patient address: «PATIENT\_House» «PATIENT\_Road», «PATIENT\_Locality», «PATIENT\_Town», «PATIENT\_Postcode» | |
| Daytime contact Tel: **Work:** «PATIENT\_Main\_Comm\_No» **Home:** «PATIENT\_Alt\_Comm\_No» **Mobile:** «PATIENT\_Mobile\_No» | |
| Email: | |
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| **Carer/ key worker details:** | |
| Name: | Contact Tel: |
| Relationship to patient: |  |

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| 1. **CONSULTATIONS, PAST MEDICAL HISTORY, MEDICATIONS AND INVESTIGATIONS** |
| ***Please note: You will need to add pending test results, requests and relevant excluded medical history (e.g. trans history, sexual health, private patients) manually in the text boxes below.*** |
| Consultations:  «CURRENT\_CONSULTATION» |
| Medical history:  «MEDICAL\_HISTORY» |
| Medication:  «REPEATS» |
| Allergies:  «DRUG\_ALLERGY» |
| Imaging studies (in the past 12 months): Date:        Location: |
| Test results pending (type of investigation) :       Trust / Organisation:       Date: |
| All Values and Investigations (in the past 6 months): |
| BMI (latest):  «PATIENT\_BMI» |
| Weight (last three):  «PATIENT\_Weight» |
| Blood Pressure (latest):  «PATIENT\_BP» |
| Safeguarding history: |
| Learning disability: |
| Use of wheelchair: |
| Accessible Information Needs (AIS): |

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| *The content of these forms will be reviewed as part of regular cancer auditing.*  *Contact* [*England.TCSTLondon@nhs.net*](mailto:England.TCSTLondon@nhs.net) *to report any issues with this form.*  *DO NOT send referral forms with patient identifiable information to this email address.* |