THE LONDON AND SOUTH EAST SARCOMA NETWORK

Information to support Sarcoma referrals

Use this form to urgently refer patients with:

Suspected Primary Bone Tumour
- Whose X-ray indicates possible bone cancer

Suspected Soft Tissue Sarcomas (limb/trunk)
- With a palpable lump that
  - Is rapidly increasing in size
  - Is painful or painless
  - Is deep to the fascia, fixed or immobile
  - Is greater than 5cm in diameter
  - Recurs after a previous excision

Suspected Soft Tissue Sarcomas at non limb/trunk sites

Do not refer HIV-associated Kaposi’s sarcoma with this form

Please include with all referrals
1. 2WW form
2. Referral letter
3. Imaging & reports
4. Date & location of previous imaging
5. Histology reports

Once all of the above is complete you can submit the referral. You will receive a fax/email to confirm receipt

We are unable to fully process incomplete forms and this may delay patient review/treatment

Guidance on Investigations and other referrals for suspected primary bone tumours:
- Refer for an immediate X-ray a patient with suspected spontaneous fracture.
  - If the X-ray suggests possible bone cancer, refer urgently as above.
  - If the X-ray suggests metastatic disease or a benign tumour, refer to your local orthopaedic service.
  - If the X-ray is normal but symptoms persist, follow up and / or request repeat X-ray, bone function tests or make a non-urgent referral.
- Urgently investigate increasing, unexplained or persistent bone pain or tenderness, particularly pain at rest (and especially if not in the joint), or an unexplained limp.
Consider whether the patient has a history of previous malignancy. In older people metastases, myeloma or lymphoma, as well as sarcoma, should be considered.

- If you suspect metastatic disease, refer to your local orthopaedic service.
- If you suspect myeloma or lymphoma, refer urgently to your local Haematology service using the Haematology Urgent Suspected Cancer Referral proforma.
- If you suspect bone sarcoma, refer urgently as above.

**Patient information and support:**
Consider the information and support needs of patients and the people who care for them while they are waiting for the referral appointment. Resources for GPs to use are available from

- The Royal Marsden Sarcoma Unit - [http://www.royalmarsden.nhs.uk/consultants-teams-wards/clinical-units/sarcoma-unit](http://www.royalmarsden.nhs.uk/consultants-teams-wards/clinical-units/sarcoma-unit)

Or visit our website [http://www.lsesn.nhs.uk/](http://www.lsesn.nhs.uk/)

If you wish to discuss this two week wait referral, please contact:

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