

**Lower GI symptoms and FIT testing and referral guidance (based on NICE NG12 guidance)**  
**Also contained in CPCCG Lower GI Endoscopy policy, due to be published March 2021**

Symptoms	Age under 40	40-49	50-59	60 and over
Rectal or abdominal mass	2ww	2ww	2ww	2ww
Unexplained rectal bleeding	2ww if in addition has any of abdominal pain/change in bowel habit/weight loss/Iron deficiency anaemia		2ww	2ww
Iron deficiency anaemia in men or non-menstruating women <b>Do FIT in all</b>	FIT positive 2ww		2ww	2ww
	FIT negative If no other concerning symptoms do not have to be referred on 2ww. Ensure safety netting			2ww
Changes in bowel habit <b>Do FIT in all</b>	FIT positive 2ww			2ww +FIT
Non iron deficiency anaemia	Consider other pathways/investigations			FIT positive 2ww
Unexplained weight loss AND abdominal pain	Consider other pathways/investigations	2ww + FIT	2ww +FIT	2ww +FIT
Unexplained weight loss OR abdominal pain	Consider other pathways/investigations		FIT positive 2ww	FIT positive 2ww