

**Guidance for children with suspected cancer in
accordance with NICE 2005**

Please DO NOT refer children with suspected cancer by the two-week wait process. Please ring the RUH switchboard on 01225-428331 and ask to speak to the on-call paediatric registrar or on-call paediatric consultant for same day assessment.

CLINICAL INFORMATION: You might find it beneficial to look at the following and tick all applicable entries in preparation for your discussion with the children's team at the RUH.	
SUSPECTED DIAGNOSIS: <input type="checkbox"/> Leukaemia <input type="checkbox"/> Brain tumour <input type="checkbox"/> Lymphoma <input type="checkbox"/> Neuroblastoma <input type="checkbox"/> Wilms' tumour <input type="checkbox"/> Soft tissue sarcoma <input type="checkbox"/> Retinoblastoma <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatoblastoma <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	CLINICAL EXAMINATION: <input type="checkbox"/> Lymphadenopathy <input type="checkbox"/> Soft tissue mass <input type="checkbox"/> Fever <input type="checkbox"/> Abdominal mass <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatomegaly <input type="checkbox"/> Splenomegaly <input type="checkbox"/> Pallor / signs of anaemia <input type="checkbox"/> Neurological signs <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
SYMPTOMS: <input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue / malaise / lethargy <input type="checkbox"/> Bone pain <input type="checkbox"/> Headache <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/> Behavioural change <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorating school performance <input type="checkbox"/> Haematuria

CRITERIA FOR URGENT SUSPECTED CANCER

This section provides a link to the NICE Guidance in respect of suspected Children's Cancer and supplies contact details for the provider and department.

www.nice.org.uk/CG027

To access information about suspected cancer in Children and Young People, follow the above link and refer to section 1.14 on page 45.

Key contacts for the children's clinical oncology service at the RUH are:

Dr Chris Oakhill, Associate Specialist, Paediatric Oncology- Christine.Oakhill@ruh-bath.swest.nhs.uk

Dr Polly Bates, Associate Specialist, Paediatric Oncology- Polly.Bates@ruh-bath.swest.nhs.uk

To telephone them please call the RUH switchboard on: **01225-428331**

General queries about the cancer service at the RUH should be addressed to the Cancer Manager, Sarah Hudson on Sarah.Hudson@ruh-bath.swest.nhs.uk **01225 824042**.

Useful links to the RUH children's service are:

http://www.ruh.nhs.uk/gps/urgent_referrals/oncology_services/paediatric.asp?menu_id=1

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