

Confluence Health General Surgery Referral Guidelines

Adrenal Masses (Endocrine):	1
Colon/ Rectal/ Anal Cancer:	1
Esophageal Cancer:	1
Gastric Cancer:	1
GERD:.....	1
Hemorrhoids:.....	2
Hiatal Hernia:.....	2
Pancreatic Cancer:.....	2
Temporal Artery Biopsies:	2

Adrenal Masses (Endocrine):

- ◆ Patient must be referred to Endocrinology and see them prior to being scheduled with a surgeon.

Colon/ Rectal/ Anal Cancer:

- ◆ Staging CT Chest/ Abdomen/Pelvis must be scheduled prior to scheduling consultation with surgeon. Consultation to take place after imaging has been completed.

Esophageal Cancer:

- ◆ Staging CT Chest/ Abdomen/Pelvis must be scheduled prior to scheduling consultation with surgeon. Consultation to take place after imaging has been completed.

Gastric Cancer:

- ◆ Staging CT Chest/ Abdomen/Pelvis must be scheduled prior to scheduling consultation with surgeon. Consultation to take place after imaging has been completed.

GERD:

Required Imaging & Testing for Gerd Referrals prior to Surgeon seeing:

****If referred by the Emergency Department- needs to see PCP first and have the testing ordered.**

- ◆ Recent EGD or Esophagram (within last 2 years), Bravo pH, manometry

Hemorrhoids:

Things that need to be completed prior to the patient seeing a General Surgeon. The patient will first be scheduled with one of our General Surgeons PA or ARNP.

- ◆ Internal rectal exam
- ◆ Try using 20-40 grams of fiber daily
- ◆ Drink 40 oz non caffeinated beverages daily
- ◆ If still constipated, try taking Miralax 1 capful per day.
- ◆ Spend 5 minutes or less on the toilet.

Hiatal Hernia:

Required Imaging for Hiatal Hernia Referrals prior to Surgeon seeing:

****If referred by the Emergency Department- needs to see PCP first and have the testing ordered.**

- ◆ Recent EGD or Esophagram (within last 2 years)

Pancreatic Cancer:

- ◆ Staging CT Chest/ Abdomen/Pelvis must be scheduled prior to scheduling consultation with surgeon. Consultation to take place after imaging has been completed.

Temporal Artery Biopsies:

- ◆ Ultrasound exam is required to rule- out temporal arteritis and a biopsy will only be done if the ultrasound exam is equivocal or if a doctor-to-doctor call is completed.
- ❖ To order the ultrasound: The Vascular Order is VAS114 *Giant Cell Arteritis Temporal* (call the Vascular Call Center to schedule at x 33850 or 509-433-3850.

Provider Decision Support

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