

## What is it?

The **Macmillan Ipswich Diagnostic Assessment Service (MIDAS)** offers a vague symptoms pathway for patients who have symptoms that may indicate cancer. Patients referred will be assessed in the MIDAS clinic and appropriate investigations co-ordinated to enable a diagnosis within 28 days. The clinic, run by a GPwSI with clinical support from a Consultant Oncologist, is held weekly so referred patients will be seen within 1-2 weeks from referral.

## What is NOT included?

Patients who meet existing two week wait criteria should be referred using the two week wait pathways.

## What is included?

Primary care work-up to identify suitable patients for MIDAS

Referral to Clinical Nurse Specialist led clinic who will triage for appropriate tests with support from either a Consultant or a GP with Special Interest.

Tests co-ordinated and tracked by the MIDAS

Aim for definitive diagnosis within four weeks of referral to the MIDAS in line with the National Cancer Strategy target

### Referral criteria:

- 1) Unexplained weight loss (defined as weight loss of >5kg in the preceding 2 months which is otherwise asymptomatic and unexplained OR any such weight loss of concern to both clinician and patient).

OR

- 2) GP has a "gut" feeling of malignancy or serious pathology

OR

- 3) Unexplained PE / DVT

AND

>40 years of age and no other urgent referral pathway suitable

## How do I refer?

Pre referral blood tests are unchanged from the Unexplained Weight Loss pathway – use this button on ICE.

Referrals should be made via email to: [ihn-tr.2WWreferrals@nhs.net](mailto:ihn-tr.2WWreferrals@nhs.net)

Please be aware this is NOT a two week wait referral, the patient's pathway will be co-ordinated to enable a diagnosis within 28 days.

<b>Start Date</b>
16 December 2016.
<b>Contact details</b>
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