# For health professionals in the UK



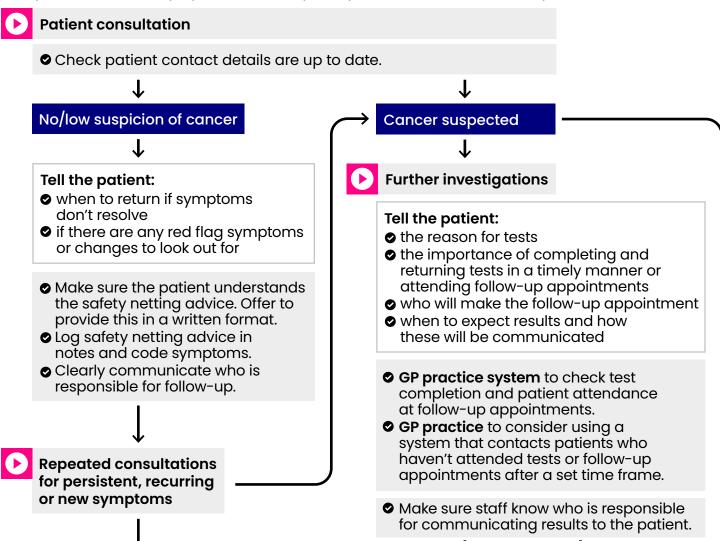


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# An overview of the safety netting pathway

This flow chart illustrates the key steps that primary care professionals can take to manage patients with potential cancer symptoms until they're explained or resolved, or the patient is referred.



### Suspicion remains low

# Continue to safety net:

- Consider an alternative referral route.
- Consider a planned or patient-initiated review.
- Communicate next steps and time frames to the patient.

### Urgent referral is not warranted

- Consider an alternative referral route.
- Communicate results and next steps to the patient.
- Continue to monitor patient until signs and symptoms are explained or resolved.
- Tell the patient when to contact the GP if they experience new or recurring symptoms.

# **Urgent referral**

Communicate results and next steps to the patient.

### Tell the patient:

- the reason for referral and testing
- who is responsible for managing them
- what to do if they don't receive an appointment as expected

