CT TAP Request Flowchart

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Primary Care Clinician suspects cancer in patient with weight loss

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Routine blood tests: Urine Dipstick FIT Request

- FBC
- U+Es
- LFT
- TSH
- Bone ESR/CRP
- Hba1c
- PSA (men)
- CA125 (women)

Patient meets specific tumour pathway criteria? — Yes → **Follow appropriate 2WW tumour specific pathway**

No ↓

Complex patient? — Yes → Co-morbidities (including frailty and isolated weight loss)

No ↓

Criteria (All must be met to qualify)

- **Aged ≥40 years**
- **Strong suspicion of malignancy**
- **Face to face consultation has taken place**
- **FIT NEGATIVE**
- **They are NOT pregnant** [1]
- **Have significant, unexplained and persistent weight loss** [2]
- **Have an additional symptom and/or sign** [3]

Review criteria for CT TAP request

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ALL Criteria Met? — No → **Refer on 2WW non-specific symptom pathway**

Yes ↓

Request direct access CT TAP on unified radiology request form → **Result back to primary care**

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Cancer found? — Yes → **GP refers patient on appropriate 2WW pathway**

No ↓

Advice and guidance OR routine referral — OR — **Safety net in primary care**

[1] Recommend US including pelvic US rather than CT for females of child bearing age.
If LMP is below 7 days CT KUB can be carried out (Allowing 2-3 days for us to book the scan)
If LMP is greater than 7 days, please provide a pregnancy test result along with the request and ask patient to abstain from sex / protected sex.

[2] at least 10% OF BODY WEIGHT over 4-6 weeks

[3] e.g. unexplained abdominal pain, new onset persistent cough (for more than 4-6 weeks)

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