



Fountain Endoscopy Unit

OPEN ACCESS SIGMOIDOSCOPY AND HAEMORRHOID SCLEROTHERAPY

Referral Guidelines

This service is designed to provide a fast and efficient assessment procedure for patients with rectal bleeding, screening out those who have benign anorectal problems from the minority who require further investigation in a 2^o care setting.

Injection sclerotherapy treatment of 1^o haemorrhoids can also be provided at the same visit.

INDICATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO OPEN ACCESS SERVICE:

- Rectal bleeding
- 1^o haemorrhoids requiring sclerotherapy

CONTRA-INDICATIONS FOR REFERRAL TO OPEN ACCESS SERVICE:

- Patients with additional lower GI symptoms - incontinence, lower abdominal pain, chronic diarrhoea/constipation
- Patients requiring 14 day urgent referral with suspected cancer
- Severe cardiac impairment
- Severe renal impairment
- Anti-coagulated patients
- Patients unable to self-administer an enema at home