

GUIDANCE FOR COMPLETING BOWEL CANCER AUDIT

What do you have to do to take part in this project?

- 1) Identify a patient diagnosed with colorectal cancer. Patient should be:
 - The last patient diagnosed with colorectal cancer in your practice.
 - Patients identified via the bowel cancer screening programme should be included if the patient has presented with colorectal symptoms.
 - Patients who have died should be included.
 - Patients who have moved away should not be included.
- 2) Set-up a SEA meeting to review and discuss patient pathway within the practice.
 - Complete the Bowel Cancer Audit template provided, which is adapted from a Significant Event Audit (SEA) template developed jointly by the Royal College of General Practitioner and the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA).
 - Follow the prompts on the template. These encourage you to reflect on the process of diagnosis and to describe the discussion of diagnosis within the team.
- 3) Submit your data:
 - Send completed template electronically to ColorectalSEA@tvcn.nhs.uk by **31st August 2010**.
 - The report should be anonymised by patient and practice name.
 - These audits will be suitable for inclusion in QOF returns and for appraisal.

What will happen to the completed templates?

- The templates will be reviewed by the GP Chair of the LAEDI Steering Group. If all the relevant information is available, the practice will be remunerated £50. If information is missing, he will be in touch with the practice before payment is made.
- An evaluation of the anonymised templates will be carried out. This evaluation will consider the lessons that can be learnt about the process of diagnosis of colorectal cancer. A report of this evaluation will be available at the LAEDI conference on 21st October or via your PCT cancer commissioning lead after the event.
- Participating practices must be prepared to share their (anonymised) audits with members of the National Awareness and Early Diagnosis Initiative.

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Useful links

More information about LAEDI and TVCN
www.tvcn.nhs.uk

More information about NAEDI
www.info.cancerresearchuk.org/spotcancerearly/naedi

More information about SEA from NPSA
www.npsa.nhs.uk/nrls/improvingpatientsafety/primarycare/significant-event-audit/

NICE Referral guidelines for suspected cancer
www.nice.org.uk/Guidance/CG27