

CONFIRMATION: Referral Received
TRIAGE CATEGORY: Enhanced Primary Care Pathway
REFERRAL STATUS: **CLOSED**

ANEMIA

Dear colleague,

The clinical and diagnostic information you have provided for the above named patient is consistent with a diagnosis of Anemia. Based on full review of your referral, it has been determined that **management of this patient within an Enhanced Primary Care Pathway is appropriate, without need for specialist consultation at this time.**

Based on laboratory criteria - low hemoglobin, ferritin > 75, normal MCV- it is unlikely that this patient's anemia is due to chronic GI blood loss or iron malabsorption.

If this patient has GI symptoms or overt signs of GI blood loss, please send a new referral to GI CAT providing specific clinical details.

Otherwise, to further characterize this patient's anemia, please consider:

- Evaluation of the bone marrow response - reticulocyte count and peripheral smear
- Factors in RBC production - vitamin B12, folate; recheck ferritin
- Assess for hemolysis - LDH, haptoglobin, peripheral blood smear, total and direct bilirubin; DAT if suspect autoimmune hemolysis
- Rule out multiple myeloma - SPE and β 2-microglobulin

This referral is DECLINED. Please consider redirecting your referral to Hematology.

If you would like to discuss this referral, one of our Gastroenterologists is available for phone advice via the South Island RACE program 08:00-17:00 weekdays. This service is accessible by downloading the RACEApp+ on your smart phone.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us via fax at 1-888-398-7091.



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