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## **GP UPDATE January/February 2015**

***Please distribute to all Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses***

### **Colonoscopy service expands**

Clinically and financially qualifying patients for colonoscopy are now being seen within 6 weeks of referral. We now accept three types of referral:

- Symptomatic patients with unexplained overt rectal bleeding for six weeks or more AND/OR scores 11 or more points as per CPH colonoscopy diagnostic request form.
- CRC Screening (visit the website for more information)
- Post CRC Surveillance (visit the website for more information)

### **Orthopaedics capacity increases**

Our capacity to carry out upper limb surgery has increased with the arrival of an additional orthopaedic consultant. Qualifying patients can currently be seen within 8 weeks for Dupuytren's, carpal tunnel, trigger finger, elbow and some shoulder conditions.

### **Women's health patients seen within 8 weeks**

Another gynaecologist has joined the team making 12 in total. Qualifying patients will be seen within 8 weeks of completed referrals. Most day surgery gynae procedures can be carried out on site with limited wait times. This includes various surgical sterilisation techniques and some investigative laparoscopy. Mirena and vasectomies are also available. To find out more visit the Canterbury Charity Hospital's website.

### **Cataract surgery threshold lower than public**

Our points threshold is less than that of the public service. It is essential that when referring patients you include the CPH score sheet, so we know whether the patient's score is 21 plus points.

### **Charity Hospital expands to double capacity**

Work will soon start on extending the main day surgery facility in the East wing of the hospital and will hopefully be completed by late May. The hospital will be open as normal during the build. On completion our main recovery ward will be able to double its capacity to cater for more operations. Some services may be transferred into the other wing of the hospital during building work.

### **Referrals**

All referrals are subject to your patients meeting both the clinical and financial thresholds set up by the Canterbury Charity Hospital Trust.

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