GP UPDATE November 2014

To: **All Doctors, Managers and Practice Nurses (Please Distribute to all)**

**From: Canterbury Charity Hospital**

Shorter wait times and 2015 expansion

Qualifying patients for colonoscopy are now being seen within 6 weeks of referral: **We now see 3 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**

**Referrals for CRC Screening (see website for guidance)**

**Referrals for Post CRC Surveillance (see website for guidance)**

The hospital will be expanding again from January through March. The main day surgery facility is being extended so we can accommodate more patients in the recovery room. Some services may be transferred to the West wing during building work.

Orthopaedics: A second upper limb surgeon has joined the team which allows for more procedures to be carried out including Dupytrens, carpal tunnel, trigger finger, elbow & some shoulder conditions.

Women’s health: The surgical team is now “11” and additional resources are available to offer gynaecology / women’s health day surgery procedures. See website for details.

Cataract surgery: When referring patients please include the CPH score sheet, so we can ascertain patients score of 21 points plus.

Charity Fund raising ball: Please consider supporting us by attending our fundraising ball on December 5th. Booking via the website.

All referrals are subject to your patients meeting both the clinical and financial thresholds set by the charity

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