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CAPSULE ENDOSCOPY REFERRAL FORM

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Patient Details

Surname:

Given Name:

Date of Birth:

Sex: M F

Address:

Phone: (H)

Phone: (M)

Medicare No:

Referring Doctor

Date:

Doctor's Name:

Provider Number:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Signature:

Clinical Details

Indication: Recurrent iron deficiency anaemia Peutz-Jeghers syndrome
 Overt gastrointestinal bleeding

Previous gastrointestinal surgery:

Significant comorbidities:

Crohn's disease

Obstructive symptoms

Pacemaker

Swallowing disorder

Implanted defibrillator

Eligible patients

- (i) have overt gastrointestinal bleeding; or
(ii) have gastrointestinal bleeding that is recurrent or persistent, and iron deficiency anaemia that is not due to coeliac disease, and, if the patient also has menorrhagia, has had the menorrhagia considered and managed; and
(b) an upper gastrointestinal endoscopy and a colonoscopy have been performed on the patient and have not identified the cause of the bleeding; and
(c) the service has not been provided to the same patient on more than 2 occasions in the preceding 12 months.

Capsule Endoscopy Information

Contraindications:

- Known or suspected obstruction/stricture/fistula/extensive Crohn's disease
- Swallowing disorders, motility disorders, pseudo-obstruction

Risks:

- Capsule retention requiring surgery: 0.75% for patients with obscure GI bleeding, increasing to 5% if highly suspicious of Crohn's disease
- Capsule failure: 1 in 400 (requiring 2nd procedure)
- Aspiration of capsule: very rare

Important: if significant oropharyngeal dysphagia, oesophageal dysmotility or gastroparesis, please consider referring for endoscopic placement of capsule. If suspicion of Crohn's disease, small bowel follow through +/- CT abdomen recommended initially. If obstructive symptoms, will require patency capsule initially.