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Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer

Dear Colleagues,

The clinical refresh of the Scottish Referral Guidelines for Suspected Cancer is now complete. I am therefore writing to thank those of you who engaged in the process and ask for your support to disseminate these across your networks.

The revised Guidelines launched yesterday, Tuesday 22 January 2019 and are available [here](#). For those of you who took part in the peer review process in August 2018 a summary report of comments received can be accessed [here](#)

Referral Guideline packs will be issued to GP practices, Accident and Emergency (A&E) and Minor Injury Units (MIU) from February, including:

- Quick Reference Guide (a condensed version of the full Guideline);
- 'Your Urgent Referral Explained' (patient information leaflet);
- Infographic (visual map of the Guidelines).

Other potential referrers (i.e Dentists, Optometrists) and referral receivers will be able to access these resources via www.cancerreferral.scot.nhs.uk

In the meantime, the free app – Cancer Referral Guidelines – can be downloaded using the QR codes now found in the revised Guidelines.

Macmillan Cancer Support and Cancer Research UK will be working with their Primary Care networks in the coming months to raise awareness of the changes to the Guidelines and support in their adoption.

For more information on any of the above please don't hesitate to contact Scottishcancerguidelines2018@gov.scot

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