

New NICE criteria for an urgent cancer referral

- Aged over 40 with unexplained weight loss and abdominal pain
- Aged 55 and over with weight loss and upper abdominal pain, reflux or dyspepsia
- Aged 55 or over with upper abdominal pain and raised platelet count
- Aged 60 and over with weight loss and new-onset diabetes
- Aged 40 or over with chest signs compatible with lung cancer
- Aged 40 – 55, have never smoked, have haemoptysis and appetite loss
- Women aged under 55 with post-menopausal bleeding
- Aged over 50 and have unexplained rectal bleeding
- Children with unexplained bleeding
- Unexplained ulceration in the oral cavity lasting more than 14 days.

Source: NICE draft guideline, November 2015