

Positive FOBT Testing	Referral Guide: Page 1 of 1	Gastroenterology
Diagnosis/Definition: An annual FOBT card (done for colon cancer screening) which as a positive test result.		
Initial Diagnosis and Management: N/A		
Ongoing Management and Objectives: N/A		
Indications for Specialty Care Referral: A positive FOBT should be referred to the GI service.		
Test(s) to Prepare for Consult: CBC	Test(s) Consultant May Need To Do: EGD (endo-gastro-duodenoscopy) Colonoscopy Flexible sigmoidoscopy Double contrast barium enema CBC Iron studies	
Criteria for Return to Primary Care: Once the etiology of the positive FOBT has been determined the patient will be returned to the PCP for routine treatment as appropriate (such as hemorrhoids, esophagitis, PUD secondary to H.pylori or NSAIDs) or be referred to oncology/surgery (if colon cancer is found) with notification of the PCP.		
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Disclaimer: Adherence to these guidelines will not ensure successful treatment in every situation. Further, these guidelines should not be considered inclusive of all accepted methods of care or exclusive of other methods of care reasonably directed to obtaining the same results. The ultimate judgment regarding the appropriateness of any specific procedure, therapy, or referral must be made by the physician/provider in light of all circumstances presented by an individual patient.