

7 Principles of Rapid Diagnostic Centres



1. Early identification of patients where cancer is possible, including outreach to address population health inequalities



2. Timely referral based on standardised referral criteria and filter function tests



3. Broad assessment of symptoms and appropriate triage to determine which tests should be carried out and in which order, based on individual patient need



4. Coordinated testing which happens in as few visits for patients as possible



5. Timely diagnosis of patients' symptoms, cancer or otherwise, by a multi-disciplinary team, that is communicated appropriately to the patient



6. Appropriate onward referral, if needed, to the right service for further support, investigation, treatment and/or care

7. Excellent patient coordination and support with patients having a single point of contact throughout their diagnostic journey, with access to the right information and advice



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