

## EAR FAQs for GPs

### What should I do about:

**Q:** An equivocal incidental liver lesion on US where the radiologist suggests a MR scan to clarify?

**A:** Request the scan suggested by the radiologist/sonographer on report via the new 'LI Radiology Further Tests'

**Q:** Liver haemangiomas on ultrasound over 5cm?

**A:** Refer HPB

**Q:** A bladder mass discovered on US?

**A:** Refer Urology USOC

**Q:** An incidental lung nodule on a CTKUB where the radiologist recommends a chest CT?

**A:** Arrange CT chest via 'LI Radiology Further Tests' and then refer respiratory lung nodule clinic if nodule(s) still present. The patient can be referred to the respiratory team as a 'routine' if follow-up nodule scanning required. GPs should arrange the **initial** chest CT only and are not expected to perform long-term follow-up of lung nodules

**Q:** A testicular mass considered suspicious on ultrasound?

**A:** Refer via SCI Gateway Scrotal Swelling pathway as USOC priority (pathway outlined on [Scrotal Conditions \(nhslothian.scot\)](https://www.nhs.uk/sci-gateway/scrotal-conditions) Ref Help page

**Q:** Multiple liver lesions on US suspicious of mets and radiologist suggests needs a CT/MR?

**A:** Request CT or MR via 'LI Radiology Further Tests' and refer via SCI Gateway Cancer of Unknown Primary pathway as outlined on [Cancer of Unknown Primary \(CUP\) \(nhslothian.scot\)](https://www.nhs.uk/sci-gateway/cancer-of-unknown-primary) RefHelp page

**Q:** Lumbar spine MR shows a cystic area in abdomen and a CT abdomen/pelvis recommended?

**A:** Request the scan suggested by the radiologist on report via the new 'LI Radiology Further Tests' function on Sci Gateway

**Q:** What do I do if the abnormality on the subsequent test requires specialist input?

**A:** Refer as usual to the appropriate specialty. Email/phone reporting radiologist if further clarification required (or duty radiologist if reporter unavailable)

**Q:** What about a GP CXR suspicious of cancer?

**A:** Continue to use the established suspected lung cancer pathway, as outlined on the [Lung Cancer \(nhslothian.scot\)](https://www.nhs.uk/sci-gateway/lung-cancer) RefHelp page

**Q:** What if I am not sure what test to request or have queries about the report?

**A:** E-mail/phone the original radiology reporter (or duty radiologist if reporter unavailable)

**Q:** As a radiologist/sonographer, how do I structure my report if I wish the GP to ask for another test?

**A:** Opinion and recommendation. For example: Opinion: 3cm mixed echoity lesion in right lobe of liver. Probable atypical haemangioma Recommendation: Suggest MR liver for clarification

**Q:** What do we do about abnormalities requiring longer term follow-up

**A:** Patients requiring on-going or long-term follow-up of abnormalities (i.e. lung or liver lesions) should be referred on to relevant specialty

**Q:** What if I have spoken to a radiologist about a patient and they have suggested a scan not currently available to GPs?

**A:** Use the new 'LI Radiology Further Tests' pathway. Carefully document the type of scan, clinical indication and who you discussed it with on Sci Gateway form