## Imaging - Lumps & Bumps / Hernia

Services	Lumps and bumps can be referred to the GP led minor surgery lists, or to General Surgery.
	<b>Suspected soft tissue cancer</b> should be directed to the Orthopaedic Sarcoma clinic at RIE, as below.
	Suspected hernia can be referred to the Surgical Service as below.
	These clinics will arrange imaging if required.
Who to refer	Lumps & Bumps should, in general, be referred to GP led Minor surgery lists, or to General Surgery.
	Consider referral of lesions with the following characteristics to the Orthopaedic Sarcoma clinic at RIE:
	<ul> <li>Discrete soft tissue mass &gt;5cm diameter clinically not a lipoma</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Rapidly enlarging soft tissue mass, especially if deeply positioned</li> </ul>
	The Orthopaedic service will arrange imaging if required.
Who not to refer	Lumps & Bumps should in general be referred to GP led minor surgical lists or to Surgery. Referral to the Orthopaedic Sarcoma clinic is <u>not</u> indicated for soft tissue lesions with the following characteristics:
	Diffuse soft tissue swelling
	Obviously benign pathologies
	Skin lumps and lesions
	Clinical subcutaneous lipoma
	Clinical sebaceous cyst
	Mass <5cm diameter unless rapidly enlarging
	<ul> <li>Baker's cysts (this is a clinical diagnosis. Referral is not indicated unless atypical and an alternative diagnosis is suspected)</li> </ul>
	?Hernia
	<ul> <li>Suspected hernia should be referred to Surgery for assessment. The Surgical service will arrange imaging if appropriate.</li> </ul>
	General Surgery
How to refer	Orthopaedic Sarcoma Service – please refer to Mr Sam Patton or Mr Matthew Moran (both RIE).

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