# Imaging - Lumps & Bumps / Hernia

| Services | Lumps and bumps can be referred to the GP led minor surgery lists, or to General Surgery.  
**Suspected soft tissue cancer** 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. |
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| 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:**  
- Discrete soft tissue mass >5cm diameter clinically not a lipoma  
- Rapidly enlarging soft tissue mass, especially if deeply positioned  
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 **not** 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  
- Baker’s cysts (this is a clinical diagnosis. Referral is not indicated unless atypical and an alternative diagnosis is suspected)  
**Hernia**  
- Suspected hernia should be referred to Surgery for assessment. The Surgical service will arrange imaging if appropriate. |
| How to refer | General Surgery  
Orthopaedic Sarcoma Service – please refer to Mr Sam Patton or Mr Matthew Moran (both RIE). |

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