

<b>Pathway:</b>	Anal Fissure
<b>Referral Criteria/Commissioning position:</b>	
<p><i>For referral to secondary care the patient should meet at least one of the following criteria:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• suspicion of underlying cancer. For detailed advice on cancer referral see NICE Clinical Guideline 27</li> <li>• symptomatic adults whose anal fissure has persisted despite 8 weeks treatment</li> <li>• multiple, off the midline, large or irregular (atypical fissures) as these may be the manifestation of underlying disease</li> <li>• children whose anal fissures have not healed after 2 weeks</li> </ul>	
<b>Investigations prior to referral</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
<b>Information to include in referral letter:</b>	
<p><i>The GP referral letter should contain:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Details of how the patient meets the criteria</li> <li>• Treatments and interventions, current &amp; past tried including the results,</li> <li>• Drug history (prescribed and non-prescribed)</li> <li>• Relevant past medical/surgical history</li> <li>• Current regular medication</li> <li>• BMI</li> <li>• Smoking status</li> <li>• Alcohol consumption</li> </ul>	
<b>References &amp; Additional information:</b>	
<b>CCG GP sign off:</b>	SRCCG Business Committee (Delegated to Dr Greg Black)
<b>Review date:</b>	2017