

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
Response to Consultation by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on
Cancer Diagnostic Services During COVID 19

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow was founded in 1599 to improve quality and practice of Medicine. Based in Glasgow, we have 14,000 Fellows and Members who work as senior clinicians throughout the United Kingdom and across the world. Unlike our sister Royal Colleges, we have a multidisciplinary membership, which we believe gives us a unique viewpoint of the health environment and the needs of patients and medical professionals.

The College is very happy to endorse this document which appears to have been produced with great care. The comments and suggestions are logical.

We agree with the provision of Covid-protected sites to undertake diagnostic procedures and “rapid diagnosis centres”.

The following specific comments have been made by reviewers

P14 Para 5.6 Ensuring safety and access for especially vulnerable groups

With increasing awareness of increased risks of COVID 19 in people from BAME backgrounds, we would suggest adding a paragraph on this high risk group. It should be remembered that some in this group may not have English as their first language.

P15 Para 5.6 Adapting Tumour Specific Pathways

We welcome the flexibility given in this paragraph to clinicians, Trusts and MTDs

*“These are indicative and should be adapted to local circumstances and used in reference to any local optimal pathway guidance. **This document cannot cover all clinical scenarios. These are not mandatory changes and individual clinicians, trusts and MDTs should always make the final decisions on the most appropriate action for individual patients and their local services.**”*

P13 Pancreatic Cancer

Weightless should be weight loss.

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