

# Referrer Newsletter

## Oaks Hospital

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### Spire Healthcare Acquisition

Ramsay Health Care has recently announced that we have reached agreement on the terms of an offer to acquire Spire Healthcare with the full support of both Boards.

Our proposed combination with Spire Healthcare will create a leading private healthcare provider in the U.K. with a comprehensive, high quality and wider-reaching footprint of services, creating a leading ecosystem for outcome-focused, integrated patient-centric care. The proposed transaction enables Ramsay Health Care to strengthen our position as a valuable partner to the NHS as well as becoming the go-to provider for private patients.

I would like to reassure you that it is business as usual for both Ramsay Health Care UK and Spire Healthcare and Ramsay's aim remains to provide best-in-class healthcare services to all patients. Our priority remains on providing high quality, patient centred care, with good outcomes within a safe, working environment.

Our focus is on ensuring a seamless combination and we will provide further updates as and when they are available to us.



## Our New Static CT



### Our new static CT, the final component of our state of the art Diagnostic Suit is OPEN.

Oaks Hospital are pleased to announce the opening of our new Static 'Siemens Somatom Go. Top' CT scanner. With its advanced technology, we are able to achieve quality CT scans at lower doses. The scanner has many integrated extras to enhance the patients experience.

We are open 6 days a week, and are able to offer urgent appointments within a few days.

This is a great addition to our new MRI and CT Suite, with its own entrance, waiting area and designated parking spaces.









As per Ramsay Policy: CT referrals must be through an Oaks Hospital Consultant.

*Please note: The imaging department at Oaks Hospital (MRI, X-Ray and Ultrasound) is unable to accept referrals from any **Non-Medical Referrers** without proof of **IR(ME)R** training within the last 5 years and an agreed scope of practice. We are happy to arrange this training at Oaks Hospital or at a place of work. This offer is available to GPs Trainee GPs, Physiotherapists, Osteopaths and Practice Nurses.*

Please email Radiology Manager [Karen.Pape@Ramsayhealth.co.uk](mailto:Karen.Pape@Ramsayhealth.co.uk) to arrange training.

## New Consultants

We are delighted to welcome new Consultants to our team of experts.

 <p><b>Mr Aniket Deshpande</b> Oaks Hospital Consultant Urological Surgeon</p> 	 <p><b>Mr D'jon Lopez</b> Oaks Hospital Lower Limb Orthopaedic Consultant</p> 	 <p><b>Mr Rohit Sharma</b> Oaks Hospital Consultant Gynaecologist</p> 
 <p><b>Mr Naveethan Sivanadarajah</b> Oaks Hospital Trauma &amp; Orthopaedics - Foot &amp; Ankle Surgery</p> 	 <p><b>Mr Mark Bowditch</b> Oaks Hospital Orthopaedic Knee Surgeon</p> 	

## Consultant Leavers



We say goodbye to **Mr Jonathan Evans-Jones**

- Consultant Gynaecologist who retires at the end of June. We asked EJ (as we know him) to provide us with a little bit of history on his career and what he will be up to when he retires. This is what he had to say:

*"I was born in Aberaeron, Cardiganshire, West Wales, where I went to school, (I'm not a Public school lad!). I trained in Guy's Hospital and all my post grad training was in London too. I arrived in Colchester in 1989, and was Jack Mathy's successor. As an Obstetrician I was responsible for organising*

*the first Combined Obstetric/Medical clinics to specifically look after pregnant diabetic women. As a gynaecologist I introduced Endometrial Ablation/Resection and was the lead clinician for Gynae Cancer, which was my preferred specialty. In my retirement I will look forward to more time with my 3 children and 8 grandchildren, as well as my 2 dogs. I have many sporting pastimes to keep me occupied as well as debentures to the Millennium Stadium to watch my beloved Welsh rugby team. In the shorter term, I am enjoying my time as a Vaccination volunteer."*

EJ, we wish you the happiest and healthiest of retirements. You will be sorely missed at Oaks Hospital.

## Clinical Education CPD Events

Oaks Hospital offer a variety of Clinical Education CPD Events. You will find all of our events listed here: [Link](#)

## NHS Wait Times Post COVID

We have extra availability in the following NHS clinics. These are wait times to initial consultation, not procedure, with the exception of Direct Access.

- Urology - 1 week
- General Surgery - 2 weeks
- Upper GI (not Gastro) - 2 weeks
- Lower GI (not Gastro) - 2 weeks
- Direct Access - 2/3 weeks to procedure
- Gynaecology - 2/3 weeks
- Cataracts - 3/4 weeks
- Orthopaedic - 6/8 weeks

To view our acceptance criteria click here: [Link](#)

Please refer NHS patients through your normal referral route. For further information how to refer NHS patients to Oaks Hospital email [RHC.oaks@nhs.net](mailto:RHC.oaks@nhs.net).

*Please note: These wait times were correct at the time of publishing, however with any live system wait times change. To sign up to our weekly NHS wait times email please email [gemma.frost@ramsayhealth.co.uk](mailto:gemma.frost@ramsayhealth.co.uk).*

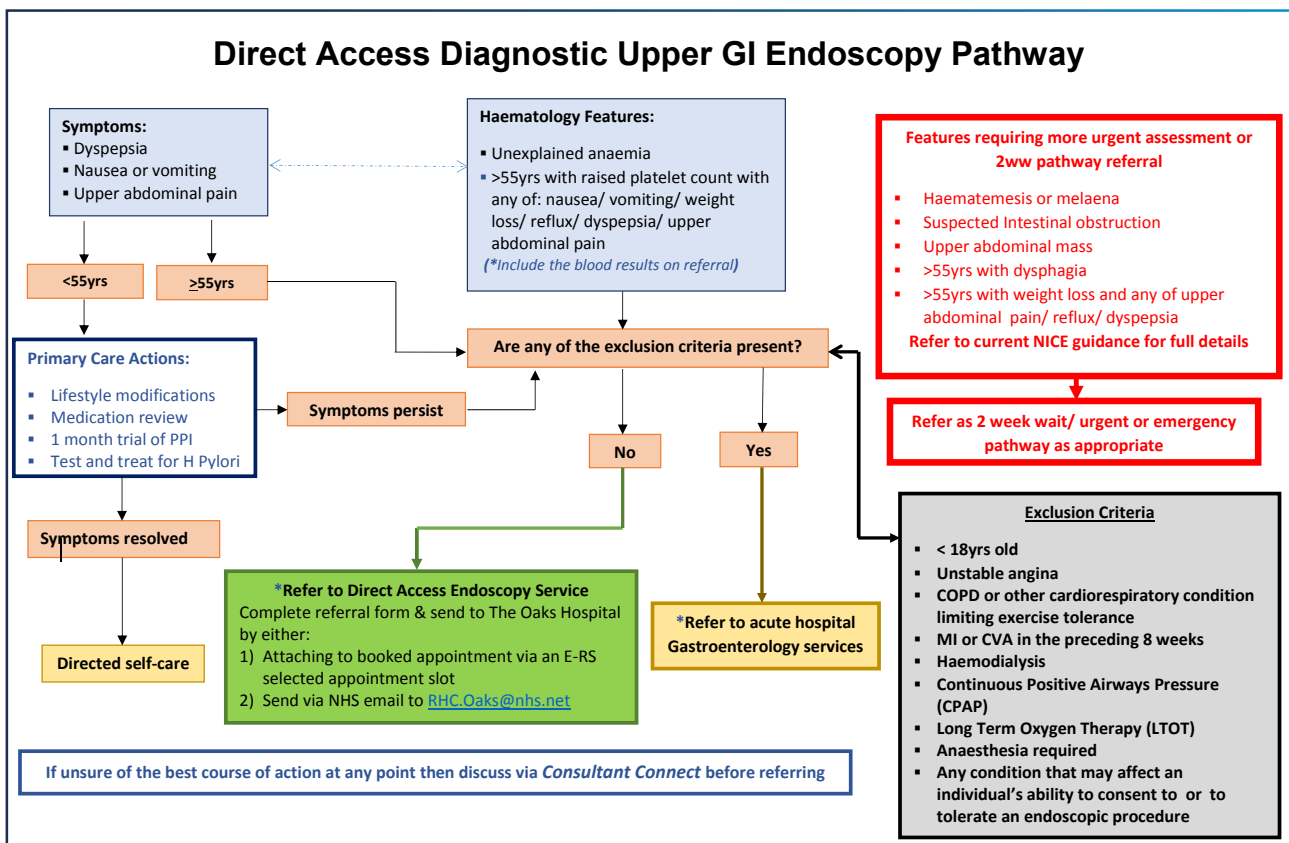


# Did you know?

By referring your patients into the Direct Access Gastroscopy Clinic at Oaks Hospital your patient will be seen for their gastroscopy within 2/3 weeks. By using this service your patient is able to bypass an initial appointment and go straight to a Gastroscopy. This means that both the patient and the GP can potentially get a diagnosis a lot quicker. Any patient test results along with the gastroscopy report are sent directly to the surgery and on receiving these the GP will be able to proceed with any further treatment/referral that may be needed. In turn this will help reduce wait times for other patients waiting to see a Gastroenterologist. All patients are discussed as necessary at MDT following their scope.

You are able to refer to us either via email by sending the referral to [RHC.oaks@nhs.net](mailto:RHC.oaks@nhs.net) or through eRS. Please note that when booked through eRS this is a provisional appointment only and we will contact the patient directly to book their procedure. Once the referrals received they are clinically triaged by our pre assessment team so that if the patient is not suitable to go direct to procedure we will be able to advise the GP within a week of referral.

**NB We cannot accept 2WW patients through this service and these patients should be referred to ESNEFT on the usual 2WW pathway.**



## Oaks Hospital Directory of Services

We are no longer printing the Directory of Services. You will be able to view the Directory of Services here: [Link](#). This will be updated regularly.



## Oaks Hospital Myth Busters

From time to time we do hear feedback about myths surrounding referral of NHS patients, so we would like to take this opportunity to correct some of the current misunderstandings and help you get to know Oaks Hospital better.

### **Myth 1: It costs more for a private hospital to see an NHS patient.**

#### **INCORRECT**

All private providers are paid the same as NHS providers under the agreed national tariff for all inpatient and outpatient procedures.

### **Myth 2: Oaks Hospital is 'fussy' and rejects referrals.**

#### **INCORRECT**

Oaks Hospital adheres to the same CPP (Clinical Prioritisation Policy) as ESNEFT. We are not intentionally 'fussy or choosy'. We are following North East Essex Clinical Commissioning Group elective referral guidelines.

### **Myth 3: Oaks Hospital 'cherry picks' patients.**

#### **INCORRECT**

Oaks Hospital's contract with the NHS does not allow us to 'cherry-pick' patients. All patients that our Consultants deem clinically appropriate for care are treated at Oaks Hospital.

### **Myth 4: Oaks Hospital do not see patients over the age of 70.**

#### **INCORRECT**

We admit patients over the age of 70+. We are committed to patient safety so all adult patients over the age of 18 have a pre-operative assessment by a member of our nursing team and where appropriated an assessment by a Consultant Anaesthetist will also be arranged.

### **Myth 5: Patients are worried that there will be hidden fees for their NHS care.**

#### **INCORRECT**

Some NHS patients avoid choosing Oaks Hospital because they are worried that there may be additional charges. There are NO hidden fees or charges for NHS patients who choose to have their NHS treatment at Oaks Hospital.