



Greater Manchester &
Cheshire Cancer Network

COLORECTAL CLINICAL SUBGROUP

NSSG/MDT Agreed Guidelines for Surgical Emergencies (Measure 11-1C-115d)

The Greater Manchester & Cheshire Cancer Network Colorectal Clinical Sub Group has agreed the following guidelines for the management of surgical emergencies related to colorectal cancer.

Where possible, patients presenting as an emergency or unscheduled admission as a result of colorectal cancer should be referred to and managed by a core surgical member of the local MDT.

This should occur routinely where patients present during normal working hours.

Out of hours, patients should (when clinically appropriate) be stabilised and managed non-operatively. Onward referral to a core surgical member of the local MDT should be made urgently early during the next working day.

When the patient's condition demands emergency surgery, this should be carried out by the relevant on-call team. The local MDT should be notified about the patient on the next working day and further care should usually be assumed by a member of that MDT.

On occasions, it may be appropriate for the on-call surgeon at one Trust to seek advice or help from a member of the colorectal MDT at another Trust within the Network in providing optimal management for a patient.

All Trusts in GMCCN have an in-house practicing surgical MDT member.