



## Appendix D: Indications for Referral to a Specialist

Indication	Procedure	Physician Specialty
<b>OBSTRUCTED LUMEN</b>		
<b>Stenting</b>		
Common bile duct (CBD)	CBD stent	Gastroenterologist
Esophagus	Esophageal stent	Thoracic/GI surgeon
	Brachytherapy	Radiation oncologist
Duodenum	Duodenal stent	Gastroenterologist, GI surgeon
Colon	Colonic stent	
Ureter	Ureteric stent	Urologist
Superior vena cava (SVC)	SVC stent	Interventional radiologist
Bronchus	Radiotherapy, brachytherapy	Radiation oncologist
<b>Venting</b>		
High small bowel obstruction	Venting gastrostomy	GI surgeon
Lower bowel obstruction	De-functioning colostomy	
Ureter	Nephrostomy	Urologist
<b>HEMORRHAGE</b>		
Hemoptysis	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
	Laser therapy	Respirologist
Hematemesis	Upper GI endoscopy	Gastroenterologist
	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
Vaginal/uterine	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
Rectal	Laser coagulation	Gastroenterologist
Hematuria	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
Skin surface of tumour	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
<b>EFFUSION</b>		
Pleural effusion	Thoracentesis	GP, radiologist
	Pleurodesis	Respirologist
	Pleural catheter	Thoracic surgeon
	Chemotherapy, radiotherapy	Medical oncologist
Malignant ascites	Paracentesis	GP, radiologist
	Peritoneal catheter	Interventional radiologist
<b>PAIN</b>		
Bone pain/pathological fractures	Radiotherapy	Radiation oncologist
Cancer of the pancreas	Coeliac plexus block	Anesthetist, gastroenterologist (U/S)
Severe opioid resistant pain	Ketamine by continuous subcutaneous infusion (CSCI) or Lidocaine CSCI	Palliative care physician
	Neuroaxial block	Anesthetist
Vertebral compression fractures	Vertebroplasty	Interventional radiologist, neurosurgeon
> 50% of the cortex of femur or humerus involved	Intramedullary nailing	Orthopedic surgeon