

# An Update from the FAST Program

On April 5th, 2021 FAST is launching a new provincial Clinical Pathway for patients with **High-Risk Rectal Bleeding**. This Pathway was developed by local family doctors, gastroenterologists and surgeons.



## Sounds interesting. What's the point?

To identify patients at high risk of colorectal cancer so that we can expedite their investigation and treatment.



## Nice. Where can I get a copy?

You can find the Pathway and Checklist at:

[Clinical Referral Pathways - ConnectMD \(pcnconnectmd.com\)](http://pcnconnectmd.com)



## Ok. But what does it mean for my patients?

Patients will be triaged into Urgent, Semi-urgent and Low-Risk categories.

**Urgent patients** will receive endoscopy **within 2 weeks**

**Semi-urgent patients** will receive endoscopy **within 8 weeks**



## Neat. So what do I have to do differently?

For patients with high-risk symptoms, just review the Pathway, fill out the High-Risk Rectal Bleeding Checklist and send it to FAST as usual with the FAST form and referral letter.

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