

Colorectal Guidelines for Referral to the MaineHealth Cancer Care Network

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MaineHealth Colorectal Work Group

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The MaineHealth Colorectal Work Group recommends the following two referral guidelines to our multidisciplinary tumor board:

- 1) All non-urgent patients with biopsy-proven adenocarcinoma or invasive squamous cancer or carcinoid located in the rectum, rectosigmoid, or low sigmoid should be presented at a multidisciplinary tumor board [via telephone, telemedicine (MHCCN Subspecialty eTumor Board), or in person] to be reviewed/referred to a colorectal/oncologic surgeon, prior to combined and/or sequential multi-modality treatment (i.e., medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology or any combination thereof); and
- 2) All non-urgent patients with evidence of metastatic colorectal cancer should be presented at a multidisciplinary tumor board [via telephone, telemedicine (MHCCN Subspecialty eTumor Board), or in person] to be reviewed/referred to a colorectal/oncologic surgeon, prior to combined and/or sequential multi-modality treatment (i.e., medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology or any combination thereof) in the setting of oligometastatic or disease amenable to local intervention; for consideration of participation on a clinical trial; and/or for any patient for discussion of palliative care referral.