

2 Week Rule Referral Guidelines – Soft Tissue Sarcoma

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Soft tissue sarcomas

In patients presenting with a palpable lump, an urgent referral for suspicion of soft tissue sarcoma should be made if the lump is:

- greater than about 5 cm in diameter
- deep to fascia, fixed or immobile
- painful
- increasing in size
- a recurrence after previous excision.

If there is any doubt about the need for referral, discussion with a local specialist should be undertaken. **C**

If a patient has HIV disease, Kaposi's sarcoma should be considered and a referral made if this is suspected. **C**