

**Bowel Cancer Screening Programme**  
Standard Operating Procedure

**Referral and failsafe of patients referred for BCSP CT Cologram**

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**Introduction**

The aim of this guideline is to describe the procedure for referral and failsafe of all patients referred for BCSP CT Cologram. Examples of patients who may require CT Cologram may include;

- patients who are unable to take bowel preparation
- patients with significant co-morbidities which contra-indicate colonoscopy
- patients in whom previous colonoscopy has failed

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## Method

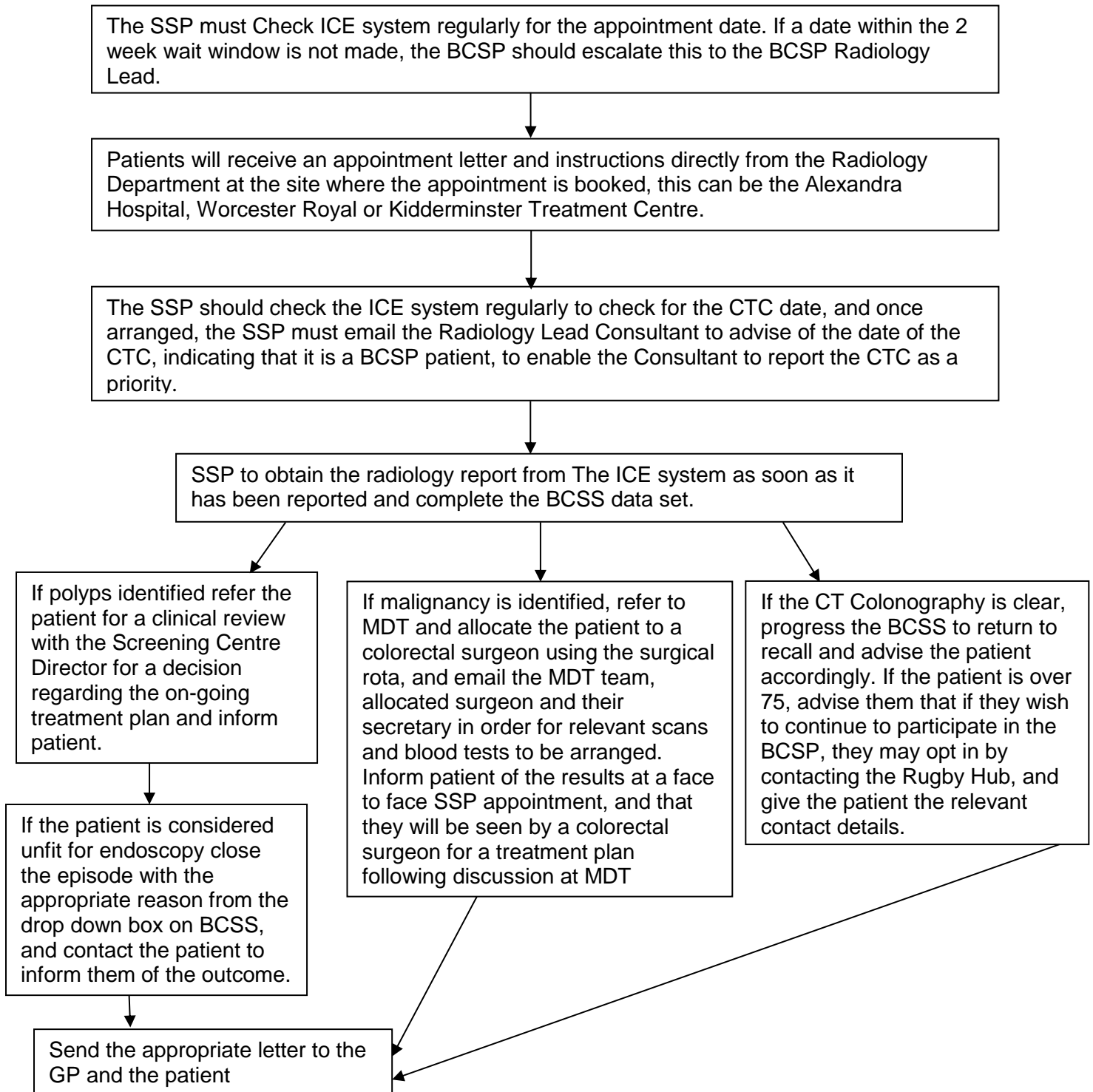
Following consideration of the information gathered at either SSP clinic or by telephone assessment in conjunction with the health check form for surveillance patients, the SSP assesses whether the patient is fit for colonoscopy or not. If the patient is unfit for colonoscopy, consideration of suitability for CTC should be given.

The SSP should document this on BCSS and a Clinical Review proforma be completed with a brief summary of the individual's medical history, that the patient is unfit for screening colonoscopy and requires consideration for alternative investigation.

The patient pack, with a completed clinical review proforma should be placed in the clinical review folder.

The Screening Centre Director reviews clinical review patients on a weekly basis. The Screening Centre Director will assess the information provided and if deemed appropriate, complete the electronic radiology request form for CT Cologram, indicating that the patient is a BCSP patient, for a 2 week wait appointment, the surveillance due date should be included in the referral.

Once this is done, the patient pack is returned to the responsible SSP. It is the responsibility of the SSP to document the request on BCSS and check the details of the CTC request on the ICE system. This is to ensure that all the details are correct and that the patient has been identified as a BCSP patient for 2 surveillance date, and to make sure the patient receives Gastrografin and low residue diet alone. If the patient has known constipation problems, consider discussion with the BCSP Consultant Radiologist regarding the use of Piccolax.



**N.B. All CT colograms are currently provided by Worcestershire Acute NHS Trust.**