

Failed Colonoscopy

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Introduction

There are a small number of patients in whom colonoscopy cannot be completed. This can be for a variety of reasons including benign or malignant stricturing lesions, tortuous colon and pain and discomfort etc. Further investigation of the non-visualised bowel is required.

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure that, where appropriate, patients are offered a CT colonography following an incomplete colonoscopy.

Scope of This Document

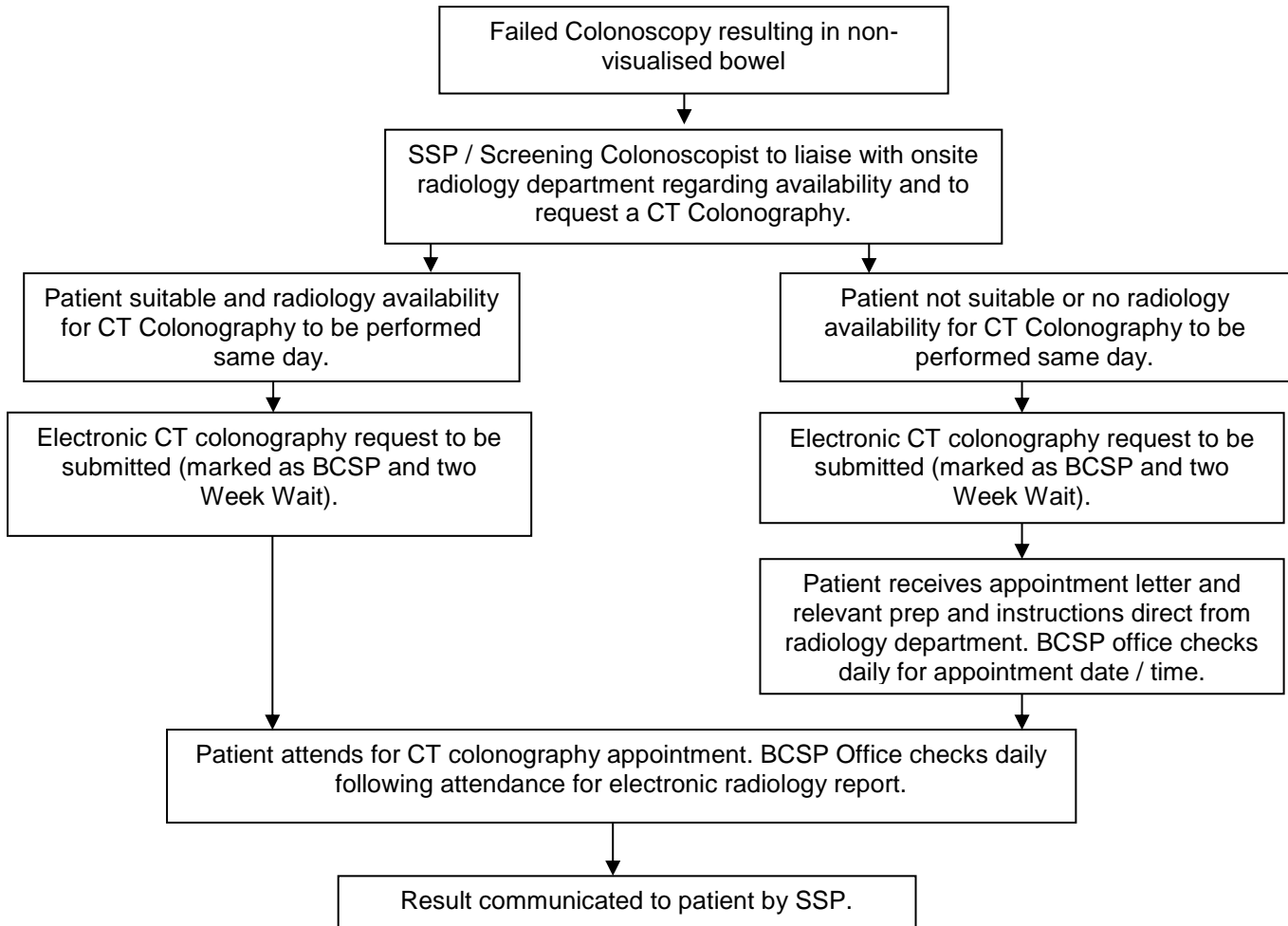
This document applies to BCSP Screening Colonoscopists, Specialist Screening Practitioners (SSPs), Endoscopy Staff, Radiologists and administrative staff working within the Herefordshire & Worcestershire Bowel Cancer Screening Programme.

Implementation

This guideline will need to be implemented in the event of a patient in whom colonoscopy is incomplete. All BCSP and radiology staff will be notified of this documents existence and it will form part of the induction plan for new staff.

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Pathway



NB. If colonoscopy failed due to stricturing tumour (i.e.suspected malignancy) CT chest should be requested in addition to CT colonography.

Hereford County Hospital does not currently have provision to offer CT colonography however; patients should be offered opportunity to travel to Worcester. In this instance a same day procedure would not be possible. In the event that patient declines to travel, discussions should be held with the radiology department for the most appropriate test to be offered.

It should be noted that Interim Guidance Update number 007 advises that CT colonography rather than Barium Enema should be offered where local expertise and circumstances permit.