

**Informing Patients of Post Investigation Histology**

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**Key Amendments**

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**DETAILS OF GUIDELINE**

1. All patients will be informed that they will receive a telephone call from a Specialist Screening Practitioner when the histology results are available.
2. When the SSP reviews the histology results on the pathology system, all patient identifiable details will be checked to ensure correct patient / correct results. Any queries with results will be reviewed by the relevant screening colonoscopist at the earliest opportunity.
3. The patient will be contacted by the SSP to ask whether they would like to be told the results over the phone or if they would prefer to see an SSP in clinic to discuss their results. In the event the patient elects to receive the results over the telephone the responsible SSP for the patient will then provide the relevant histology results. Alternatively where complex results are received requiring an expert opinion the patient should be advised that there will be a delay in reporting.
4. SSP should place emphasis on ensuring that the language used is clear and simple, avoiding medical jargon or euphemisms.
5. The SSP should ensure that all discussions are fully documented. The BCSS advanced appropriately and the resultant letters despatched.

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