

HEAD AND NECK CANCER - Upper aerodigestive tract¹²

If the patient presents **with one or more** of the following red flags (**new unexplained symptoms > 3 weeks**), then the referral should be triaged as 'High Suspicion of Cancer'.

Red flags	YES or NO
New throat pain or referred otalgia	
New hoarseness with a history of smoking	
New progressive dysphagia to solids or liquids (excluding isolated globus sensation)	
Stridor/upper airway noise	
New nasal obstruction associated with another red flag	
New epistaxis associated with another red flag	

¹² Risk factors:

- Smoking history
- Excess alcohol intake
- Past history of head and neck cancer
- Immunosuppression