

HEAD AND NECK CANCER - Neck/Salivary Lump¹¹

If the patient presents **with one or more** of the following red flags, then the referral should be triaged as 'High Suspicion of Cancer'.

Red flags	YES or NO
An unexplained neck/salivary mass and one or more of the following:	
• mass > 1cm and persisting > 3weeks	
• mass is increasing in size	
• previous head and neck cancer including skin cancer	
• facial palsy	
• any new unexplained upper respiratory tract symptoms such as hoarseness, dysphagia, throat or ear pain, blocked nose or ear	

¹¹ Risk factors:

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