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Dear Practice Manger

I am writing as over recent months we have seen a significant increase in our Cancer genetics referrals across the South West Thames Regional Genetics Service. A large proportion of these referrals are for patients who fall into population risk categories and do not meet criteria for referral into our service.

We would like to inform GPs within your practice that our referral criteria for family histories of breast cancer, colorectal cancer and melanoma are available on our website:

http://www.southwestthamesgenetics.nhs.uk/clinical_cancer_default.shtml

We also have a Cancer Genetics email which is checked on a daily basis and are happy to receive questions regarding referrals: cancergenetics.stg@nhs.net

GP's in your practice may also be interested in an app developed by our colleagues in the South East Regional Genetics service, which can aid in a decision over referral to Clinical Genetics

The app is available to download for iOS devices from the Apple App Store and for Android via Google Play. The following link can be used to direct you to the appropriate site: <http://www.ubqo.com/cancergenetics>

The application can also be accessed via the user's desktop computer using a browser (Mozilla Firefox works best) at the following website: <http://cms.ubqo.com/public/cancergenetics>

There is a User Guide section in the App and a brief 2 minute 'Walkthrough' of it's features can be accessed on the following link: <http://www.ubqo.com/cancergenetics/walkthrough>

Please be advised, that due to the increased referral rate, we are no longer able to send out family history