Bupa Cromwell Hospital offers new one stop service for rectal bleeding

Experiencing bleeding from the back passage when going to the toilet can be very worrying, particularly when experienced for the first time.

Rectal bleeding is common, and symptoms usually develop quickly. Whilst most causes are not serious and can be treated, in some cases rectal bleeding can be a symptom of a serious disease such as colorectal cancer.

We have developed a new, all inclusive package to diagnose the cause of rectal bleeding. Call our dedicated referral line - 020 7244 4863.
We have developed a new, all-inclusive package to diagnose the cause of rectal bleeding, led by our highly experienced and JAG* accredited Endoscopy Team. The GP or patient (if self-referring) rings our dedicated line and ask for the one stop rectal bleeding service. Once the appointment is booked the patient will have an initial Nurse-led pre-assessment over the phone, before being booked to come to the hospital for a Consultant assessment, endoscopy and treatment of haemorrhoids (if required). If a more serious condition is suspected, they will be offered prompt referral to a Bupa Cromwell Hospital specialist.

The consultation, endoscopy and treatment will all take place on the same day.

**How much does the service cost?**

- The all-inclusive self-funding package price is £1,650. If patients do not require all of the services included in the pathway, they will be refunded for these.
- Patients with private medical insurance should be covered by their policy but would need to check this prior to booking.

To book in to Bupa Cromwell Hospital’s One Stop Rectal Bleeding Service please call our dedicated referral line - 020 7244 4863. bupacromwellhospital.com/rectal-bleeding

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**The pathway**

- GP referral/self-referral (insured or self funding)/Embassy referral
- Book an appointment by calling 020 7244 4863
- Telephone pre-assessment by nurse
- Consultant assessment
  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy to investigate large bowel, banding of haemorrhoids if required
  - Flexible sigmoidoscopy - other finding
- Discharged with aftercare instructions
- Patient referred into appropriate service for investigation/treatment
- Treatment not required - discharged
- Suspected cancer, colitis, diverticulitis, polyps

* JAG Accreditation is the formal recognition that an endoscopy service has demonstrated the competence to deliver against standards required by the endoscopy Global Rating Scale.