

Thank you for referring your patient to UNC General/Acute Care Surgery and the UNC Hernia Center. It is our goal to provide your patient with the best possible care and outcome. Below you will find the required materials needed in order to refer your patient for each select diagnosis. These items are essential in being able to assess your patients need for surgery. Please use this checklist when gathering the required materials. Once we have received all these items, we will then contact and schedule your patient for a consultation with our Surgery Team.

Office fax number is 919-966-0369 or you can email referral to acs@med.unc.edu

We also strongly encourage your practice to consider using UNC Carelink to send and track referrals/view clinical information. There are many benefits for your practice that UNC Carelink can provide. Please see attached handout about UNC Carelink. Thank you.

GALLBLADDER DISEASE/STONES:

- Recent history and physical (include BMI)
- Right upper quadrant imaging (MRI, MRCP, CT scan, ultrasound) report less than one year old demonstrating gallstones and related biliary pathology
- Recent labs
- Patient's demographics

MASS/LUMP/FOREIGN BODY:

- Recent History and Physical (Include BMI)
- Imaging:
 - If patient has had imaging within the last year please send imaging report
 - If patient has lesion in the midline on the back, patient will need an MRI
 - If patient has lesion >5cm or with other concerning features for cancer, patient will need MRI or ultrasound
- Patient's demographics

DIVERTICULITIS:

- Recent History and Physical (include BMI)
- Records of prior hospitalizations (when obtainable)
- Recent Imaging (CT or MRI) and colonoscopy report are helpful but not required
- Patient's demographics

NEW INGUINAL/UMBILICAL HERNIAS:

- Recent History and Physical (Include BMI)
- Imaging if available (less than one year old)
- Recent Labs if available
- Patient's Demographics

ABDOMINAL/INCISIONAL AND RECURRENT HERNIAS:

- Recent History and Physical (include BMI)
- Previous operative notes (when obtainable)
- CT and/or MRI disc/images of the hernia less than a year old
(**powersharing:** you must inform our office so we can inform our radiology department)
(**mail disc to:** UNC Surgery 4008 Burnett Womack Bldg. Chapel Hill, NC 27599)
- Recent labs:
(**if applicable:** patients with diagnosed diabetes must have recent A1C/ to optimize for surgery A1C must be under 7.5)
- For patients with cardiac history/condition, patient should have a referral already placed for cardiac evaluation and optimization
- For patients with liver disease, patient should have a referral already placed for hepatology evaluation and optimization and recent MELD labs
- Patient's demographics