



CLINICAL GUIDELINE

Upper GI Haemorrhage Pathway, Emergency Department and Acute Assessment Unit Guideline

A guideline is intended to assist healthcare professionals in the choice of disease-specific treatments.

Clinical judgement should be exercised on the applicability of any guideline, influenced by individual patient characteristics. Clinicians should be mindful of the potential for harmful polypharmacy and increased susceptibility to adverse drug reactions in patients with multiple morbidities or frailty.

If, after discussion with the patient or carer, there are good reasons for not following a guideline, it is good practice to record these and communicate them to others involved in the care of the patient.

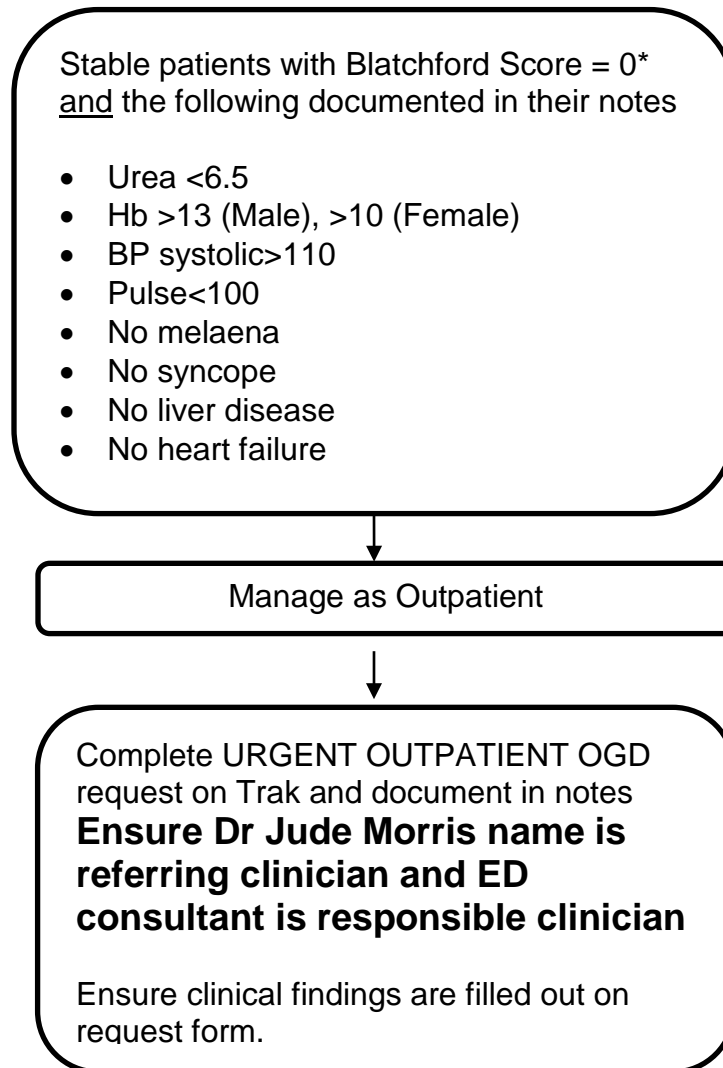
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QEUH Emergency/Acute Medicine Upper GI Haemorrhage Pathway

Emergency Department & Acute Admissions Unit



Any patient not fitting all of the above criteria will be admitted to an acute medical ward. Manage these patients as per therapeutics handbook.

Unstable patients should be considered for joint medical/surgical care in HDU setting. All follow up of patients is by gastroenterology not ED.

*Stanley AJ, Ashley D, Mowat C, et al. Outpatient management of patients with low-risk upper-gastrointestinal haemorrhage: multicentre validation and prospective evaluation. Lancet 2009; 373: 42-47