

**IBS: NEW ONSET  
SYMPTOMS >50**

**BLOATING WIND**

**STEATORRHOEA**

**GASTRIC DISORDERS**

**HEARTBURN**

**DRY FLUSHING HEADACHE**

**PALPITATIONS**

*PERSISTENT DRY COUGH*

**ASTHMA SYMPTOMS**

**AUTOIMMUNE**

**ALLERGY SYMPTOMS**

**FATIGUE**

**MENOPAUSAL SYMPTOMS**

**UNEXPLAINED WEIGHT CHANGE**

*ANXIETY / LOW MOOD SYMPTOMS*

Do you have any patients presenting  
with these symptoms that:

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**Have more than 1 of these symptoms?**

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**Do not fit common disease trajectory?**

**Do not fit the differential ?**

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**Are not responding to conventional treatment(s)?**

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**Keep returning with unresolved and/ or  
increasing symptoms?**

**COULD IT BE  
NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER?**

A malignant Neuroendocrine Tumour  
or Carcinoma

Incidence of Neuroendocrine Cancer  
has **increased 371%** (1995-2018)

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An increase from **0.48%** to **1.8% of ALL cancers**  
(1995-2018)

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**>60%** will see their GP **4 times or more**  
before referral to secondary care

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**25%** will have high grade disease -  
Neuroendocrine Carcinoma - (NEC)

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**>50%** will have **Stage IV** disease at diagnosis

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**1 in 4** will be told their symptoms are  
psychological /psychosomatic



## SYMPTOMS / CLINICAL SUSPICION:

### POINT OF SUSPICION / SYMPTOMS

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Personal or Family History  
of Neuroendocrine Cancer

and/or

Associated Genetic Disorder  
e.g. MEN1, 2 or 3

**Direct Referral to Specialist  
Neuroendocrine Cancer Centre/MDT**

OR

**Refer to Secondary Care or Rapid/  
Community Diagnostic Centre**

via urgent cancer pathway process  
e.g. Non-specific symptom pathway

**REFERRAL TO SPECIALIST  
NEUROENDOCRINE CANCER CENTRE /  
MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM**

List available at  
[www.neuroendocrinecancer.org.uk](http://www.neuroendocrinecancer.org.uk)

Neuroendocrine Cancer is clinically termed Neuroendocrine Neoplasm or NEN, as classified by the International Agency for research on Cancer - World Health Organisation (IARC-WHO), expert National, European and International guidelines and ICD-10 morphology coding.

There are 2 key Neuroendocrine Cancer / Neoplasm classifications:  
**Neuroendocrine Tumours (well-differentiated cancer) = NETs**  
**Neuroendocrine Carcinomas (poorly-differentiated cancer) = NECs**

Most common primary sites are Lung, Pancreatic and Small Bowel

For clinical information and advice about NETs and NECs, including expert guidelines, please visit the Clinical Practice page on the UK & Ireland Neuroendocrine Tumour Society's website: [www.ukinets.org](http://www.ukinets.org)



If you have a patient with Neuroendocrine Cancer (NET or NEC) please signpost them to **Neuroendocrine Cancer UK**, a UK charity dedicated to providing support, advocacy, information and education to anyone affected by Neuroendocrine Cancer.



**Neuroendocrine  
Cancer UK**

(Formerly NET Patient Foundation)

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