

ANAL CANCER AWARENESS

Do you know the signs?

The symptoms of anal cancer can be vague and mistaken for other, less serious conditions. If you have any of these symptoms for a prolonged period, see your GP:



Symptoms

- Rectal bleeding (bleeding from the anus)
- A mass or lump around the anus
- Itching and/or pain around the anus
- Discharge of fluid from the anus
- Swollen lymph nodes in the groin or anal area
- Bowel incontinence (unintentional passing of stool)
- Feeling of fullness in the anus, even after going to the toilet
- Change in stool size
- Swollen lymph nodes in the groin or anal area



Notes for your GP appointment

- Describe your symptoms.
- How long have they been going on?
- Have you have an HPV infection?

Ask your GP what the plan is for treating symptoms. If medication is prescribed, make a plan and time for your next appointment to reassess symptoms if still present.



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