

SEQUENCE OF COLON CANCER WORK UP

Goal: Staging work up & surgical and medical oncology consults completed within 2 weeks from time of referral.

Colonoscopic diagnosis of colon mass with biopsy proven malignancy (or suspicious mass on imaging and biopsies non-diagnostic). Patient is referred to VPCI Cancer Care Coordinator by PCP, Gastroenterology, Medical Oncology, Surgeon or selfreferral. **VPCI Cancer Care Coordinator contacts** patient: Explains coordinator role and ☐ CT, Chest/Abdomen/Pelvis with oral what to expect for remaining diagnostic and IV contrast work up and consults. Care Coordinator ☐ Lab Work – CBC, BMP, LFTs, and CEA communicates with provider regarding new patient and work up to be arranged.

Patients with Stage IV or Suspicion for Patients with Non-Metastatic Disease ☐ Surgical Consultation — Surgical Treatment plan if deemed resectable, disease consideration of pre-operative Medical □ Consider biopsy Oncology Consultation if large bulky tumor □ Second opinion review on pathology conference cases not read by HPA GI pathologist ☐ Present case at multidisciplinary tumor conference ☐ Ensure ongoing communication with patient, family, and medical team, including primary care, regarding work up results and treatment plan

Metastatic Disease on CT Scan □ Consider PET/CT to clarify extent of ☐ Present case at multidisciplinary tumor □ Palliative Care consult, if appropriate **Isolated Liver Metastasis:** ☐ Surgical consult: Treatment plan for both metastatic disease and primary tumor ☐ Medical Oncology consult: for possible neoadjuvant chemotherapy Isolated Peritoneal Disease: ☐ Surgical consult: Treatment plan for primary tumor and consideration for HIPEC ☐ Medical Oncology consult: palliative vs. neoadjuvant chemotherapy Isolated Lung Metastasis: ☐ Surgical consult: Treatment plan for primary tumor and consult to thoracic surgery ☐ Medical Oncology consult: palliative vs. neoadjuvant chemotherapy ☐ Ensure ongoing communication with patient, family, and medical team, including primary care, regarding work up results and treatment plan