

Dear Dr. Kidd

Re: Referral for Patient with Swallowing Difficulties

I am writing to refer Mr. John Smith, a 55-year-old male patient under my care, for further evaluation and management of his persistent swallowing difficulties.

Mr. Smith has been experiencing progressive dysphagia for the past three months. He describes a sensation of food getting stuck in his throat during meals. This symptom has resulted in unintentional weight loss of approximately 5 kg in the past two months. He denies any associated pain, regurgitation, or heartburn.

Past Medical History:

- Hypertension, well-controlled with amlodipine 5 mg once daily
- Hyperlipidemia, managed with atorvastatin 20 mg once daily
- Appendectomy in 2005

Current Medications:

- Amlodipine 5 mg once daily
- Atorvastatin 20 mg once daily

I have performed a thorough physical examination, which was unremarkable apart from mild weight loss. Routine blood tests, including a complete blood count and liver function tests, were within normal limits. As there is a concern for an underlying structural or functional abnormality causing Mr. Smith's dysphagia, I believe referral to your expertise is necessary.

I kindly request your assessment, investigations, and appropriate management of Mr. Smith's swallowing difficulties. Please keep me informed of your findings, and I am available for any further discussion or clarification.

Thank you for your attention to this referral. I greatly appreciate your expertise in managing this complex case.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Alvez