

Box 1: Referral criteria based on NICE guidance (NICE, 2009)

Direct referral (i.e. no repeat tests) if: suspicious optic disc recorded, regardless of intra-ocular pressure (IOP) and visual field result.

Repeat tests on separate occasion within 2 weeks if:

1. Intra-ocular pressure alone (i.e. normal fields and disc appearance):

- >21mmHg
or
- the difference between the two eyes is greater than 5mmHg.

If the results are still not within these criteria, refer to secondary care.

2. Visual fields alone (i.e. normal IOPs and disc appearance)

If visual field defect consistent on two occasions, refer to secondary care.

Other clinical signs and symptoms

If patient shows any other ocular symptoms or signs that require further investigation, use clinical judgement to either refer to secondary care via patient's GP or advise patient to visit an optometrist.