Table 2

Presentations of pancreatic cancer (Adapted from Pancreatic Cancer Action. Pancreatic cancer symptoms & signs)⁵⁴

New-onset irritable bowel in patients over the age of 40 years

 Patients aged over 40 years, who present with weight loss, abdominal pain, and alteration in bowel habit, who have not attended the surgery for a considerable time

New-onset diabetes not associated with weight gain

New-onset and persistent dyspepsia (unresponsive to proton pump inhibitors)

Persistent epigastric or back pain

 The rare attender who suddenly appears at the surgery, often makes multiple visits, with unexplained weight loss, epigastric pain, and alteration in bowel habit