**GCA Referral Pathway Flowchart**

**Suspected GCA:**

**Calculate GCA Pre-Test Probability Score (PTPS) using table above**

**GCAPS <9 =Not for GCA** **Pathway**

* Strongly consider alternative diagnosis
* If rheumatology input still necessary then discuss via on-call phone if urgent, otherwise place A+G request

**PTPS ≥9 = For GCA** **Pathway**

* Take bloods for CRP, FBC, U&Es, LFTs *immediately*, where possible.
* Treatment should **NOT** be delayed by venepuncture, BUT, taking bloods >48hours after steroid started impacts result and management severely.

Visual symptoms or Jaw claudication?

No

Yes

GP to initiate prednisolone 60mg.

Follow referral instructions as per region (see below)

Urgent Ophthalmology referral for those with visual symptoms.

Start prednisolone *(as above red route 60mg // blue route 40mg*).