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Information Fact Sheets

DIAGNOSTIC ENDOSCOPY CENTRE

HAEMORRHOIDS

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Haemorrhoids can present as:

- Bleeding
- Pain/burning/itch
- Lump

Haemorrhoids are very common and occur in 85% of the population but it is often necessary to exclude other causes of symptoms by performing a colonoscopy.