

Rapid Diagnostic Service

Why have I been referred urgently to hospital?

You have been referred to the Non Specific Rapid Diagnostic Service because the Doctor or Nurse you saw at the surgery is worried either about your symptoms or recent test results and needs the hospital to perform more investigations.

A specialist team will be looking for serious health problems including cancer and will organise tests as quickly as possible for you.

Does this mean I have cancer?

Having an urgent referral does not necessarily mean you have cancer. Most people who have an urgent referral don't have cancer.

What will happen next?

You will receive a phone call from the hospital to confirm the time of your appointment; this can be either a face to face appointment or telephone assessment.

Once you have been given your appointment it is very important that you are available, please let us know if you cannot make the allotted time and we will arrange an alternative.

The doctor who referred you should have discussed the reason for your referral with you. Please contact them if you are concerned about the reason you have been referred.

What will happen at the hospital?

Following your initial contact with the hospital you will either be sent for some tests (scans, x-rays, blood tests etc.) or referred to another team at the hospital that will help identify the cause of your symptoms.

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