

Hospital Appointments within 14 days

Why have you been referred urgently to hospital?

Your doctor has referred you to hospital for an urgent appointment. You will be seen by a hospital specialist within the next 14 days.

Please make sure that your surgery has your correct contact details, including mobile numbers.

It is important to find out why you are having your current symptoms and for most people the tests will not show any serious illness (such as cancer).

This 'two week' urgent referral system aims to diagnose and treat serious illnesses quickly. Many conditions are more likely to be cured if they are diagnosed and treated early.

It is very important that you attend your appointments. You are welcome to bring someone with you.

If you are unable to attend an appointment you <u>must</u>let the hospital know ASAP. You may be offered a different date or time and the appointment you could not attend will be given to another patient.

The hospital specialist that you see will be happy to answer any questions that you have about the service or the tests that you may require.