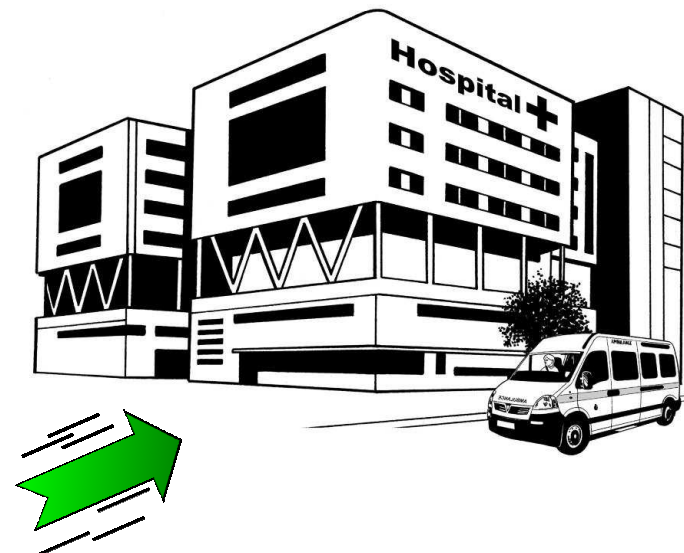


	<p>If you can't come to an appointment you must let the hospital know.</p> <p>Other arrangements can then be made.</p>
	<p>If you choose to delay your appointment to go on holiday, this may affect your holiday insurance cover.</p>
	<p>You can bring someone with you to your appointment for support.</p>
	<p>If you have not heard anything about your referral within 7 days, contact your GP surgery.</p>

Urgent Hospital Appointments

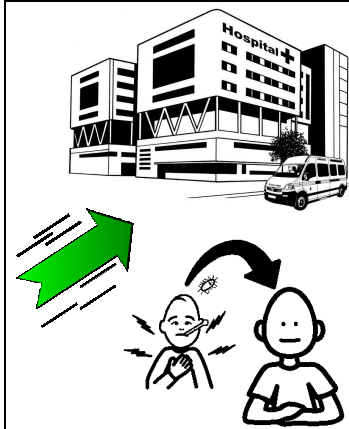
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Urgent Hospital Appointments (within 2 weeks)



You have been referred to hospital to be seen within **2 weeks**.

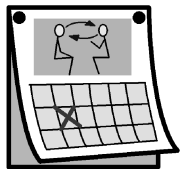
This is because we aim to diagnose and treat serious illnesses, including cancer, quickly.



It is important to find out why you have your current symptoms.

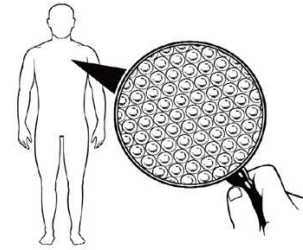


You need more specialist advice and possibly tests too.

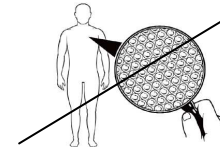


Within 14 days

You will be seen by a hospital specialist within the next 14 days.



Cancer is when some of the body's cells begin to divide without stopping and spread into surrounding tissues.



Most patients referred like this **do not** have cancer.



You will be contacted to arrange your appointment or for tests.



Please make sure your surgery has your correct contact details, including home and mobile telephone numbers.



It is important you attend your appointment within **2 weeks** because treatments are more successful if diagnosis is made at an early stage.