

Your Two Week Wait Appointment

What if I cannot keep the appointment?

If you cannot keep the appointment please let the hospital know as soon as possible so they can arrange another appointment for you. However, it's important you attend your appointment within the two week time frame so serious illness can be ruled out and your mind put at rest. Also, if you do need treatment, this can be started as soon as possible which often leads to a better outcome.

Travelling to the hospital

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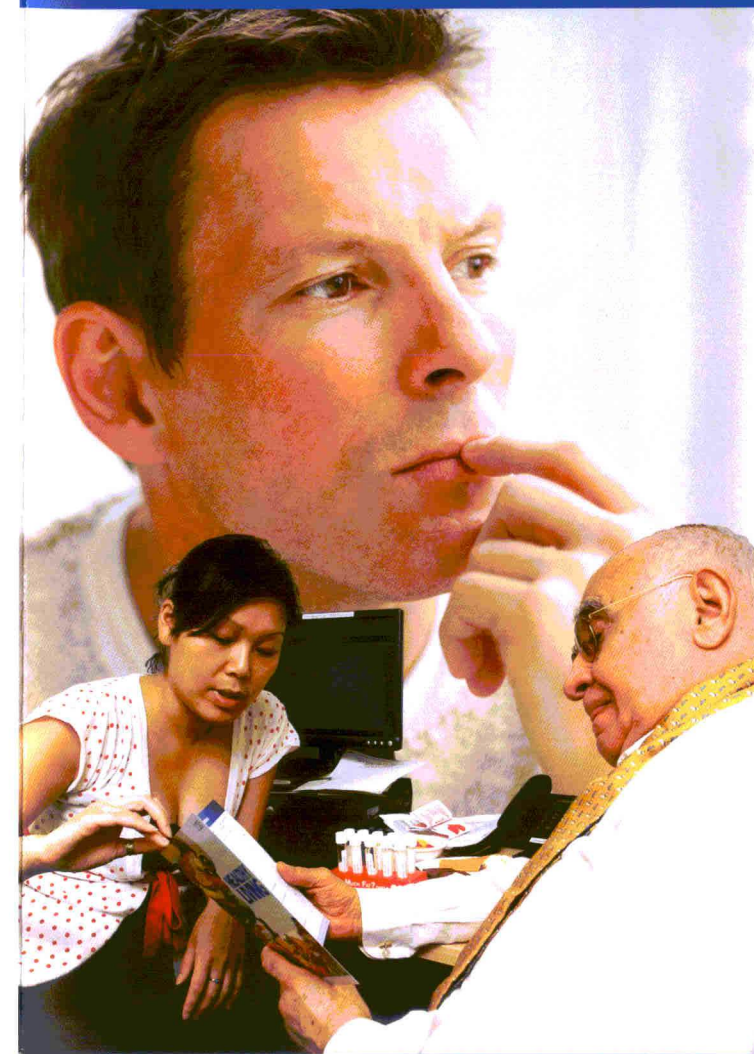
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Why has my GP referred me to the hospital?

GPs can diagnose and treat many problems themselves, but sometimes they may need to arrange for you to see a hospital clinician who specialises in your particular symptoms.

This may be because:

- Your GP feels your symptoms need further investigation.
- The results of the investigations your GP arranged appear abnormal.
- To rule out cancer.

Do I have cancer?

The majority of patients referred under the “two week” appointment system do not have cancer, but it is important to see a specialist as soon as possible to confirm or exclude a cancer diagnosis.

What is the two week pathway?

The “two week” appointment system has been introduced so that a specialist can see any patient with symptoms that might indicate the possibility of cancer as quickly as possible. Cancer is more likely to be cured if detected and treated early.

We appreciate that this is a worrying time for you, but hopefully you will be reassured that your GP is taking your symptoms seriously and that you will not be waiting too long to get an exact diagnosis.

So what happens now?

Your GP surgery should be able to book you in for a hospital appointment before you leave today. Alternatively, you will be contacted by the surgery or the local hospital (excluding weekends and bank holidays) to arrange an appointment.

Please ensure that you provide you GP practice with an up-to-date mobile phone number if you are happy to receive text reminders with the details of your hospital appointment.

Will I need any tests?

You may require specialised tests, which may take place during or after your first appointment at the hospital. These will help the specialist to understand the cause of your symptoms.

What else should I do?

- Ensure your GP practice has your correct address and contact details – including your mobile/ daytime telephone number. Also, let you GP know if you are going away or have unmoveable appointments in the next two weeks.
- If the local hospital or GP practice contacts you with an appointment offer please do your best to accept this appointment. Please be prepared to travel within Gloucestershire to your appointment in order for you to be seen as quickly as possible.
- You might want to prepare some questions to ask at the appointment, do write them down in advance to take with you.
- You can also bring someone with you to your appointment – some people find it helpful to have a friend or a relative with them.

What if I don't receive an appointment?

If you have not received details of your appointment within three working days of seeing your GP, please contact your GP practice.