

RESPIRATORY CLINIC

Rapid Access Referral form (2 week wait)

Patient Details	GP Details
Name:	Name:
DOB:	Practice Address:
NHS no:	
Hospital No:	
Address:	
Sex: M F	
Home telephone:	Surgery Telephone:
Mobile/Work No:	Surgery Fax:
Transport required? <input type="checkbox"/> Type:	Interpreter required? <input type="checkbox"/> Lang:

Patients with Stridor or signs of Superior Vena Cava Obstruction (i.e. swollen face/neck with fixed JVP elevation) should be admitted urgently.

Patients who need an urgent Chest X ray (reported within 5 days) include:

Haemoptysis Breathlessness Weight Loss Chest signs Hoarseness Finger Clubbing

Underlying chronic Respiratory disease with unexplained changes in symptoms

Unexplained or persistent (>3 weeks) Chest and/or Shoulder pain Neck or Supraclavicular lymph nodes

Features suggesting metastasis from a lung cancer (brain/bone/liver/skin etc)

Do not use this form to request an urgent CXR

Urgent 2-week wait Referral Criteria (tick those that apply):

Persistent Haemoptysis (over a week or more) in a Smoker or ex-Smoker aged 40 or older

A Chest X Ray suggestive of Cancer (inc. those with Pleural effusion/slowly resolving consolidation)

A normal Chest X ray where there is a high suspicion of lung Cancer.

A history of Asbestos exposure *with* recent onset of chest pain/breathlessness/ unexplained systemic symptoms, *where* the CXR suggests pleural effusion/pathology or lung pathology.

Please arrange for all patients referred under the 2-week rule to have:

FBC, UEs, INR, APTTR, LFTs, Calcium

(Renal function needed within a month of contrast staging CT. Test result availability at time of referral will facilitate pre-clinic CT where appropriate).

Please indicate the Performance Status (PS) of the patient:

0 (asymptomatic)

2 (symptomatic but resting < 50% of day)

1 (symptoms but fully ambulatory)

3 (symptomatic and resting >50% of day and capable only limited self care)

Please include spirometry result:

(but avoid if patient has experienced haemoptysis)

Other Useful Clinical Information	Other Admin Information
<i>Past medical History, Medication and Allergy details should be attached WITH referral form. Please confirm</i> <input type="checkbox"/>	<i>The patient must be informed of the nature of this referral and be informed that they will be offered an appointment in the next 2 weeks. There is a patient information sheet available below.</i>
Referral Date:	GPs Signature:

**PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO: 01903 285098
or email it to cancer.appointments@nhs.net**

Hospital Admin. Usage only	Date Received:	Date Fax back:	Date 1 st appt.

Why have I been referred urgently to the hospital?

The urgent 2 week wait referral system

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Your General Practitioner (GP) or Dentist has asked for you to have an urgent hospital appointment within two weeks. The “two week” appointment system was introduced so that a specialist would see any patient with symptoms **to rule out** a serious condition.

Does this mean I have cancer?

The majority of patients seen under the “two week” referral system **do not** have cancer. It is important to know that being given an urgent appointment is **to rule out** a serious condition and does not necessarily mean that you have cancer.

So why has my GP referred me?

GP's diagnose and treat many illnesses. Occasionally GP's need to arrange for you to see a specialist or have tests at the hospital for a number of reasons, such as:

- Your symptoms need further investigation **to rule out** a serious disease.
- Investigations done by your GP have shown some abnormal results.
- The treatment already prescribed has not worked.

National guidelines help your GP to make a decision about whether to refer you for an urgent appointment within two weeks.

What do I need to do now?

- Make sure that your GP has your correct address and telephone number, **including mobile phone number**, if you have one.
- The hospital will try to phone you to arrange an appointment, so the correct contact telephone number is very important. If they are not able to make telephone contact, they will send an appointment letter.
- Contact your **GP's surgery** if you have not been contacted by the hospital within **one week** of seeing your GP and being given this leaflet.
- **Please try not to cancel your appointment.** Please let the hospital know **immediately** if you are unable to attend, so that the appointment can be offered to someone else. It is really **important** that you arrange an alternative date and time if cancelling this appointment.
- Please feel free to bring someone with you to this appointment. If you wish, they can come in with you to see the Doctor. Do not feel that you have to be alone.
- At the end of your appointment, the hospital staff will give you more information about what will happen next. This may include contact details of a specialist nurse.
- If you have difficulty travelling to the hospital, do ask for information about help with transport when making your appointment, including help with travel costs if you are on a low income.
- If you have further questions regarding your referral please contact your GP.