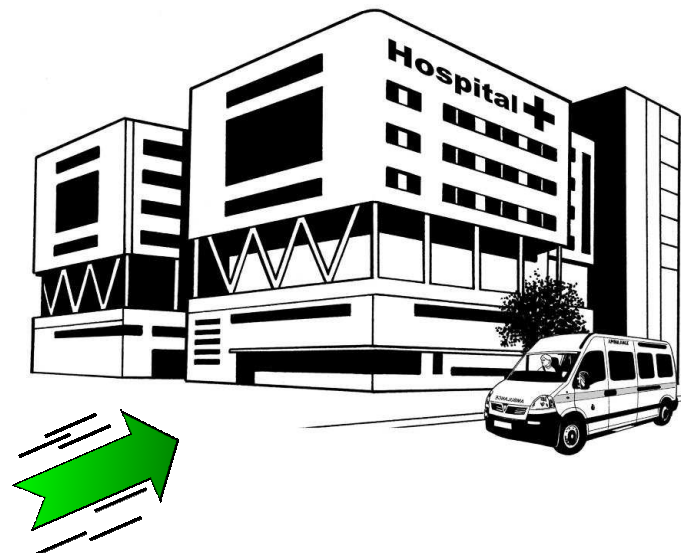


	<p>If you can't come to an appointment you must let the hospital know.</p> <p>Other arrangements can then be made.</p>
	<p>If you choose to delay your appointment to go on holiday, this may affect your holiday insurance cover.</p>
	<p>You can bring someone with you to your appointment for support.</p>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



Urgent Hospital Appointments

(within 2 weeks)

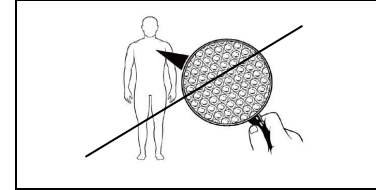


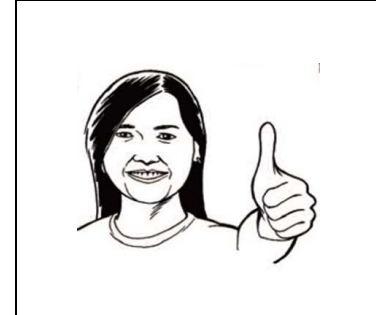


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	<p>You have been referred to hospital to be seen within 2 weeks.</p> <p>This is because we aim to diagnose and treat serious illnesses, including cancer, quickly.</p>
	<p>It is important to find out why you have your current symptoms.</p>
	<p>You need more specialist advice and possibly tests too.</p>
 <p>Within 14 days</p>	<p>You will be seen by a hospital specialist within the next 14 days.</p>

	<p>Cancer is when some of the body's cells begin to divide without stopping and spread into surrounding tissues.</p>
	<p>Most patients referred like this do not have cancer.</p>
	<p>You will be contacted to arrange your appointment or for tests.</p>
	<p>Please make sure your surgery has your correct contact details, including home and mobile telephone numbers.</p>
	<p>It is important you attend your appointment within 2 weeks because treatments are more successful if diagnosis is made at an early stage.</p>