

# Urgent Fast Track Referral

## Suspected Cancer

Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust



### For your GP to complete

My name: .....

My NHS number: .....

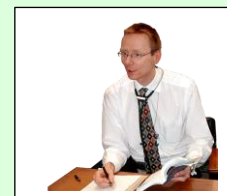
I saw my GP on: .....

I should be seen in hospital before: .....

The speciality I am being referred to is:

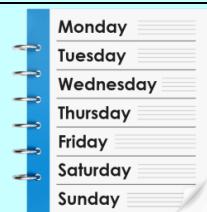
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If I have not heard from the hospital (within one week) by .....  
phone the hospital contact centre on: 0191 445 2995

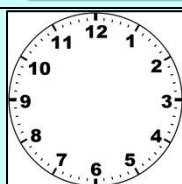


### For you to complete

My hospital appointment



Date: .....



Time: .....



Hospital: .....



Specialist doctor: .....

## This leaflet

**Urgent fast track referral**  
North Cumbria University Hospitals NHS Trust

For your GP to complete:  
My name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My NHS number: \_\_\_\_\_  
I would like to see: \_\_\_\_\_  
I should be seen in hospital before: \_\_\_\_\_  
The specialty I'm being referred to: \_\_\_\_\_

If I have not heard from the hospital by \_\_\_\_\_ please \_\_\_\_\_  
the hospital contact name and their address: \_\_\_\_\_

For you to complete:  
My hospital appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Case	_____
Date	_____
Specialist	_____
Consultant doctor	_____

This leaflet uses easy words and pictures to help you get the information you need.



You might want someone to support you to look at the leaflet so you can talk about it.



This leaflet is written to help you understand your urgent fast track referral.

If you have questions about this you can speak to your GP practice.



## Remember

An urgent fast track referral does not necessarily mean you have cancer.

## What does it mean to be urgently referred?



An urgent fast track referral means:

Your GP has made an urgent referral for you. You will be offered an appointment with a hospital specialist as soon as possible. Usually in less than 2 weeks.



We will aim to tell you if you have cancer or if you do not have cancer within 28 days.

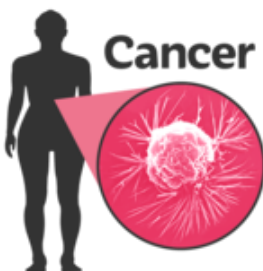
## Why am I being urgently referred for tests?



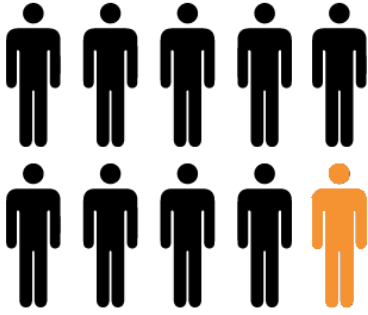
Your doctor feels you have symptoms and should be seen by a specialist doctor as soon as possible.



It is important you are seen quickly so your symptoms can be diagnosed and treated.



Your symptoms may be caused by cancer.



Not everyone referred will have cancer.  
9 in 10 people referred in this way are not diagnosed with cancer.



The symptoms you have may be caused by a number of common conditions.

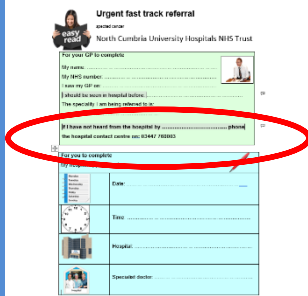
## How do I make my appointment?



Someone from the hospital will phone you with an appointment.

or

The hospital will send you a letter with your appointment details.



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For your GP to complete  
My name: \_\_\_\_\_  
My NHS number: \_\_\_\_\_  
I have my GP see: \_\_\_\_\_  
(I should be seen in hospital within 14 days)  
The specialist I am being referred to is: \_\_\_\_\_

If I have not heard from the hospital by \_\_\_\_\_ please phone the hospital contact centre on: 0191 445 2995

For your hospital to complete

Date:	_____
Time:	_____
Hospital:	_____
Specialist Doctor:	_____

If you do not get the information about your first appointment in 3 working days after seeing your GP phone the hospital contact centre on: 0191 445 2995.

## Do you need reasonable adjustments?



Reasonable adjustments are the things health and care services can do to help you attend your appointment.

Reasonable adjustments can include:

- Easy read information
- A longer appointment
- Access for a wheelchair user
- Quiet waiting area



If you need reasonable adjustments make sure you tell your GP and the hospital before your appointment.

## How do I get to hospital?



If you cannot use public transport, drive or arrange your own transport, you may be able to use the ambulance service.



If you require ambulance transport, speak to the receptionist at your GP surgery as soon as possible.

## If I cannot make the appointment I am offered?



Your GP thinks your symptoms need to be looked at as soon as possible.

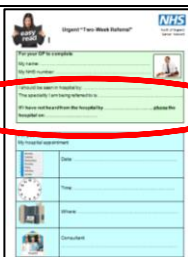
It is important you try to go to the appointment.



If you cannot make the appointment.

Phone the hospital as soon as possible on: 0191 445 2995.

This is very important.



If you cancel or miss your appointment, the hospital will do their best to make sure you are seen as soon as possible.

Phone the hospital as soon as possible on: 0191 445 2995.

## What will happen at my appointment?



Information on what will happen at your appointment, and any tests, will normally be sent with your appointment letter.

If you have any questions about the appointment contact your GP.



You may find it useful to write down any questions you want to ask the specialist doctor at your appointment.



The specialist doctor will give you a lot of information.

You can bring a friend or relative with you to the appointment, if you want to.



To help the specialist doctor understand your symptoms you may need some tests.



The tests may happen at different times.

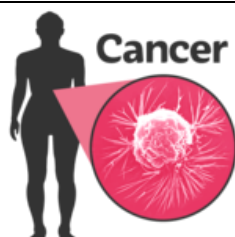
You may be required to have these tests:

- before you see your specialist doctor
- during the appointment with your specialist doctor
- after the appointment with your specialist doctor



You will be given the results of your tests by the specialist doctor.

Some tests results are available the same day. Some tests results will take a few days.



If a cancer is found the specialist doctor will explain what will happen next.

## Word Bank

Cancer	The body is made up of lots of tiny pieces called cells. Sometimes the cells go wrong. These cells can affect other cells, forming a tumour. Some tumours are called 'malignant'. Malignant tumour can spread to different parts of the body. This is a cancer.
Tumour	Group of cells in the body that have gone wrong.
Malignant tumour	A tumour that can spread to different parts of the body.
Diagnosis	A diagnosis is when the doctors know what type of disease you have.
NHS	The National Health Service is the publicly funded healthcare system for England.
Symptom	Signs that tell you there is something wrong with the body. For example a headache or feeling tired all the time.

Use this space to make any notes.

