

GP Vague Symptoms Pathway

Why has my GP requested that I have some tests done?

You have been asked to go to the hospital to have some tests because your GP feels your symptoms need further investigation.

Does this mean I have Cancer?

It is important to remember that an urgent request for further investigation does not necessarily mean you have cancer.

Most people who have a request for further tests don't have cancer. However, your GP has asked you to have some tests quickly to help find out what is wrong with you.

In the event that cancer is diagnosed, then ensuring that the diagnosis is made early means treatment is likely to be more effective.

This is why it is important that you have your tests done within two weeks of your GP appointment.

What will happen next?

Your GP will have explained that you require some tests which will help your GP understand what is causing your symptoms. These will be done within 2 weeks of your appointment today, and you will need to make yourself available during this time.

What tests will I have?

These tests will include a CT scan of your chest, abdomen and pelvis and some blood tests.

Blood Test:

Please book your **Blood Test** at your nearest Blood Test Clinic within the next 48 hours. You can ask at your practice how to find your nearest Blood Test Clinic.

CT Scan:

Your GP has submitted a request for you to have a CT scan and you need to make an appointment as soon as possible by telephoning the Imaging Appointment team.

Between 8:30am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays).

Royal Derby Hospital Imaging Appointments Team –

Telephone: 01332 788019

Queens Hospital Burton Hospital Imaging Appointments Team –

Telephone: 01332 511511

Please note if you have not contacted the Imaging Appointment team within 48 hours after visiting your GP; you will be contacted by a member of the Imaging team to ensure your CT scan is booked.

When can I expect the results?

The people who do your tests will not be able to give you any immediate information about your test results.

Your GP will have asked you to book a follow-up appointment, 15 days from this appointment so your GP can speak to you about your test results.

If your results are received earlier than expected, your GP may contact you to make an earlier appointment.

Information about having a CT examination:

Your GP will provide you with an information leaflet about having a CT Scan.

It is important to read and follow the instructions carefully before attending for your CT scan.



Any Queries?

If you have any queries regarding your CT scan, or are unable to attend for your appointment, please contact the Imaging appointments team to arrange an alternative appointment so that your care is not delayed.

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