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Two Week Wait Clinic (2ww) Gynaecological Cancer

Introduction

You have been referred by your GP to the Gynaecological 'Two Week Wait' Cancer Exclusion Clinic. This leaflet will give you information about the clinic and answer some of the commonly asked questions.

Why have I been referred?

The two week wait referral system allows a patient with symptoms that may be caused by a cancer to be seen as quickly as possible. Your GP has made the referral because:

- Treatment already given has not worked
- Your symptoms need further investigation
- The investigation(s) already performed appear abnormal
- They would like to exclude cancer

Does this mean I have cancer?

Most patients' referred into the Two Week Wait Clinic do not have cancer. However it is important that you see a specialist as soon as possible to confirm or exclude the possibility of a cancer diagnosis.

What should I do if I am unable to attend this appointment or wish to change the date?

It is in your best interest to attend this appointment so that cancer can be excluded or further investigations can be requested.

If you are unable to attend this appointment please contact the booking office as soon as possible. The number is at the end of this leaflet.

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What will happen on the day of your appointment?

This clinic is for gynaecological cancer exclusion only. If you have other symptoms you will need to go back to your GP. There will be several clinics running on the day of your appointment and you might see a doctor or a nurse specialist.

Depending on your symptoms you may have other tests performed on the day of your appointment. It may also be necessary for you to have a physical examination of your abdomen and/or an internal examination during your consultation.

Sometimes the specialist will need further blood tests or to take a biopsy. This is where small amounts of tissue are taken from inside the womb, the cervix or vulva for further investigations. A biopsy can be uncomfortable and may require you to have a local anaesthetic. This will numb the area where the biopsy is to be taken. You may have some bleeding afterwards.

Please ask any questions that you may have during your consultation.

We are happy for you to bring someone with you to the appointment.

How will I get informed about my results?

The specialist you see in the clinic will send you a letter with the results of any tests or arrange further appointments if appropriate.

What do I need to do now?

- Make sure that the hospital and your GP has your correct address and telephone number including your mobile.
- Make a note of any questions that you have. You will have the opportunity to ask these during your consultation.

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Contact information

To rearrange your appointment please contact the:

Booking Office

Tel: 0300 422 4506

Monday to Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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