

Patient Information Advice & Guidance



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How your GP and hospital specialists work together on your care



Your GP can ask a hospital specialist for advice before referring you

Your GP can ask a hospital specialist to look at your symptoms or health condition.

The specialist will review the information from your GP and advise on what should happen next. This will help you get the right care sooner.

Here are 4 things you need to know about the service:



1. Your GP and hospital specialists may discuss your care

Your GP may send information about your health to a hospital specialist. The specialist will review this information and advise on the best next step for you.



2. The next steps will depend on what is best for your care

After the specialist reviews your information, you may:

- Get advice or treatment from your GP
- Have a test
- Start or change treatment or medicine
- Have your condition monitored
- Have a hospital test or appointment



3. The team that arranges your test will check the result

If the hospital arranges your test, the hospital team will check the result and decide what happens next.

If your GP arranges your test, your GP practice will check the result. They can ask the hospital specialist for more advice if needed.



4. You will be contacted about the next steps

Your GP practice or the hospital will contact you about the next step in your care. This may be by phone, letter, text message or at your next appointment.



Please note

You may not need a hospital outpatient appointment. This does not mean your care has stopped. Your GP and hospital specialists are working together to make sure you get the right care in the right place.