

Important Patient Information about GP Urgent Chest X-Ray Referral

What you need to do

You have been referred urgently for a chest X-ray because your GP feels your symptoms need further investigation. There are many common conditions that these symptoms could be linked to, including the possibility of cancer. We would encourage you to have your chest X-ray as soon as possible after your GP appointment as some conditions may get worse if not treated promptly.

Going for your chest X-ray

You can go and have your chest X-ray at any of the places listed below. They operate a walk-in service, therefore no appointment is required.

Please take your referral form with you to the Radiology Department.

<p>St George's Hospital Blackshaw Road, London, SW17 0QT St James Wing Reception Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm Tel: 020 8725 1485</p>	<p>Queen Mary's Hospital Roehampton Lane, London, SW15 5PN Radiology Reception Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm Sat, Sun, Bank Holidays 11am-4pm Tel: 020 8487 6512/6513</p>
<p>The Nelson Health Centre Kingston Road, London, SW20 8DA Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7.30pm Tel: 020 3668 3300 Please note over 16s only</p>	<p>St John's Therapy Centre 162 St. John's Hill, London, SW11 1SW Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-12pm and 2pm-4pm Tel: 020 8812 5380</p>

St George's Radiology website: www.stgeorges.nhs.uk/service/diagnostic-services/radiology

If you require assistance with travelling to the hospital please discuss with your GP and call the patient transport assessment and booking team on 020 8725 0808.

If you require a translator please call the Patient Advice and Liaison Service on 020 8725 2453.

What to expect at your appointment

You may be asked to change into a hospital gown and it is best to avoid wearing jewellery and clothes containing metal (such as zips), as these will need to be removed.

You are welcome to bring a relative or friend with you but they will have to remain in the waiting area during the scan.

After your chest X-ray

Your X-ray report will be available to your GP within 3 working days and you can call them for the results after this time. Most patients have a normal result. While this is good news, you will need to make an appointment with your GP when you call for the result, to check if anything further is needed. If you have concerns about any new or existing symptoms it is also important to go back to your GP as soon as you can.

If you require a CT scan

In some cases after a chest X-ray, it may be decided that further investigations are required. In this case the Radiology Department from the hospital will contact you directly to arrange a CT (computerised tomography) scan. A CT scan uses X-rays and a computer to create detailed images of inside the body. The CT scan will be reviewed by a respiratory specialist and the outcome will be communicated to you by a telephone call and a letter to your GP and further appointments will be arranged, if needed.

For further help and advice

If you have any questions about your X-ray please contact your GP practice who will be able to help you.

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