

Melanoma and Skin SCC Clinic

Rapid Access Referral Pro forma - Vision Dec 2012 version (2 week wait)



Patient Details

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

DOB:

Sex:

Home telephone:

Mobile/Work No:

Hospital No:

NHS no:

GP Details

Name:

Address:

Surgery Telephone:

Surgery Fax:

Transport req'd?

type:

Interpreter req'd?

Lang:

2 Week Wait Urgent Referral Criteria			
Suspected Melanoma		<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspected Squamous Cell Carcinoma
Refer urgently any patient suspected to have a melanoma - do not excise lesion in primary care.		(Attach details of Histology if Biopsy proven)	
Check List for Pigmented Lesions		Histological Diagnosis of SCC already	
Change in Size	<input type="checkbox"/>	Inflammation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irregular Shape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bleeding	<input type="checkbox"/>
Irregular Colour	<input type="checkbox"/>	Oozing	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diameter >7mm	<input type="checkbox"/>	Painful/Itchy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family history of Malignant Melanoma	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rapid Growth	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Crusting/non-healing lesion >1cm	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Organ Transplant recipient with new/growing lesions	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Over age 40 with Pyogenic Granuloma	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Keratoacanthoma	<input type="checkbox"/>

Description of lesion	Other Useful Clinical/Admin Information
	(Please Attach PMHx/RX/Allergy details) Known Drug Allergies
	Current Repeat Medication
	Significant Medical History «MEDICAL_HISTORY»
What has the patient been told about this referral?	

Referral Date:	GPs Signature:
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To make a referral FAX/email form to the relevant hospital clinic - Please ✓ box for chosen clinic		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Conquest Hospital, Hastings	Fax: 01323 438157 Tel: 01424 757060
<input type="checkbox"/>	Eastbourne District General Hospital	Fax: 01323 438156 Tel: 01323 414941
<input type="checkbox"/>	Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath	Email: bsu-tr.BSUH-2WWCancerReferrals@nhs.net
<input type="checkbox"/>	Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead	Fax: 01342 414114 email: tgV-tr.Referrals@nhs.net
<input type="checkbox"/>	Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton	Email: bsu-tr.BSUH-2WWCancerReferrals@nhs.net
<input type="checkbox"/>	Worthing & Southlands Hospitals	Fax: 01903 285098 email: cancer.appointments@nhs.net

Hospital Admin. Usage only	Referral within guidelines?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultant Comments:	
	Referral outside guidelines	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Date Received:	Date Faxback:	Date 1 st appt.	

Why have I been referred urgently to the hospital?

The urgent 2 week wait referral system

Why have I been referred to hospital?

Your General Practitioner (GP) or Dentist has asked for you to have an urgent hospital appointment within two weeks. The “two week” appointment system was introduced so that a specialist would see any patient with symptoms **to rule out** a serious condition.

Does this mean I have cancer?

The majority of patients seen under the “two week” referral system **do not** have cancer. It is important to know that being given an urgent appointment is **to rule out** a serious condition and does not necessarily mean that you have cancer.

So why has my GP referred me?

GPs diagnose and treat many illnesses. Occasionally GPs need to arrange for you to see a specialist or have tests at the hospital for a number of reasons, such as:

- Your symptoms need further investigation **to rule out** a serious disease.
- Investigations done by your GP have shown some abnormal results.
- The treatment already prescribed has not worked.

National guidelines help your GP to make a decision about whether to refer you for an urgent appointment within two weeks.

What do I need to do now?

- Make sure that your GP has your correct address and telephone number, **including mobile phone number**, if you have one.
- The hospital will try to phone you to arrange an appointment, so the correct contact telephone number is very important. If they are not able to make telephone contact, they will send an appointment letter.
- Contact your **GP's surgery** if you have not been contacted by the hospital within **one week** of seeing your GP and being given this leaflet.
- **Please try not to cancel your appointment.** Please let the hospital know **immediately** if you are unable to attend, so that the appointment can be offered to someone else. It is really **important** that you arrange an alternative date and time if cancelling this appointment.
- Please feel free to bring someone with you to this appointment. If you wish, they can come in with you to see the Doctor. Do not feel that you have to be alone.
- At the end of your appointment, the hospital staff will give you more information about what will happen next. This may include contact details of a specialist nurse.
- If you have difficulty travelling to the hospital, do ask for information about help with transport when making your appointment, including help with travel costs if you are on a low income.
- If you have further questions regarding your referral please contact your GP.