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## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU ARE REFERRED TO A SPECIALIST

If a GP refers you to a specialist, this is what happens. At the hospital the GPs letter will be passed to a consultant for review. It is at this point that the consultant will determine how quickly you need to be seen and therefore the appointment that has been arranged for you by the surgery may be altered by the hospital if they feel you need seeing sooner or in an alternative clinic. Please note even if your referral was marked as **urgent** by the GP this may be altered once it has been read by a consultant.

### Tests and Investigations

The specialist will order all of the tests you need and will communicate the results to you. If you have not heard about your results please contact the consultant's secretary at the hospital. If you have had a letter from the hospital, there will be a number for you to contact on the letter. Alternatively you can call the hospital switchboard on: 0300 303 1573 and ask to be put through to your consultant's secretary.

### Prescriptions

If the specialist prescribes a new drug or changes one, they will provide the first prescription. You usually need to collect this from the hospital pharmacy. Please do not bring your hospital prescription to the surgery as we may not be able to issue it for you. It may also be helpful for you to make a note of any medication changes as your GP may not receive the hospital letter for some time.

### Sick or Fit Note (Med3)

If you need to be certified as unfit for work as a result of treatment provided, the specialist should issue a sick note when you leave the hospital. Please ask the hospital if you need one.

### Follow up Appointments/Onward Referrals

If you need a follow up appointment or an onward referral to another specialist the hospital will provide it. If you have any queries regarding any follow up appointments, waiting lists, dates for procedures or onward referrals, please contact the consultant's secretary. The surgery does not have immediate access to this information. If you have had a letter from the hospital, there will be a number for you to contact on the letter. Alternatively you can call the hospital switchboard on: 0300 303 1573 and ask to be put through to your consultant's secretary.

### In summary the specialists are responsible for:

- Looking after your test results
- Providing a prescription when needed
- Issuing a sick note if required
- Providing you with a follow up or onward referral appointment if necessary