

Children's and young persons' two week wait cancer clinic

Paediatric Oncology Information for Parents

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Why has the GP referred my child to an urgent hospital cancer clinic?

GPs can diagnose and treat most symptoms and illnesses themselves. However, some times they need to arrange for your child to have a hospital assessment, so that you can see a specialist hospital doctor. The 'Two Week Wait' referral system was introduced so that if any investigations are needed they can be done quickly.

Your GP may think that one or more of your child's symptoms could be caused by cancer.

Does it mean that my child has cancer?

Cancer in children is very rare. Most of the children attending this clinic do not have cancer.

It is however important to make sure your child attends this clinic as it is best to get checked over by the specialists.

Who will see my child in clinic?

A doctor from the Children's Hospital will see your child. The clinics are overseen by consultants and all patients will be discussed with the consultant even though the consultant may not be the doctor that sees your child in clinic.

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Will my child have tests done?

Depending on the clinical findings, the doctor may-

- Reassure and discharge your child
- Review your child in a few weeks
- Order blood tests or other investigations

Once the tests are done and reported, someone from the team will call you or write to you about the results and plan. The results can take up to a week or more to come back. You do not need to call us for the results.

Tissue biopsy

Occasionally your child may need a surgical procedure called a tissue biopsy. This involves taking a small sample of tissue from the area the doctors are looking at to examine under a microscope. How the biopsy is carried out will depend on where the tissue sample is being taken from and will be explained to you in more detail before your child's biopsy appointment.

In most cases this is done at the Queen's Medical Centre, Nottingham. This is because our surgical colleagues are based there.

Some of the investigations including the biopsy will not happen on the same day as your child's clinic appointment. This is because these need planning and booking in advance.

What do I need to do now?

Because this referral is urgent, it means that your child will be offered an appointment at hospital within two weeks. You may also need to be available for your child to have further tests over the next four weeks.

Please make sure that your GP has your correct address and telephone number, including a mobile number, if possible. Please tell your GP if you are likely to be away, or unable to attend hospital for any reason within the next two weeks. You will receive a letter if there is time. If not, the hospital will contact you by telephone.

If you have any questions or your child is unable to attend the appointment sent to you, please contact the University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust on 0116 250 2543.

It is important that you arrange another date and time if you have to cancel an appointment.

What happens if my child is discharged from the clinic and the symptoms are still present?

The main purpose of this clinic is the early diagnosis of cancer. If from our clinical evaluation and/or tests we do not think that your child's symptoms are caused by cancer, we will inform you of that. We will take your child off the cancer pathway and discharge him/her from our clinic. We will not start any treatment for your child's symptoms. Your GP can then refer your child to other specialities if needed.

On discharge, we will give you advice on what symptoms to look out for in the future and signs. If you think your child's symptoms are persisting or worsening please see your GP again.

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