

Patient Information Leaflet

Lung Optimal Pathway Referral

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You have been referred for a chest x-ray (CXR) on the Derriford optimal lung cancer care pathway. Whilst this does not mean that you have lung cancer, the symptoms and history you have reported to your GP are suspicious enough to warrant “fast tracking”. This will involve:

1. An urgent CXR, which will be performed between 9am – 1pm Monday to Friday, in X-Ray West, Level 6, Derriford Hospital. **Please arrive between these times only.** You are encouraged to have your chest x-ray as soon as possible.
2. The pathway navigator will arrange to meet you when you arrive in the X-Ray Department and confirm your contact details so we can let you know if you also require a CT scan that afternoon. They will also be able to answer any questions you may have.
3. If a CT scan is required the pathway navigator will explain the next steps and give you any further information you need. This may include having a blood test and answering a short health questionnaire.
4. You will be able to go home after the CT scan and the pathway navigator will phone you the following day with a decision on whether you need an appointment in the Chest Clinic the following day. At this point you may be asked to follow specific instructions for further investigations to also take place on that day.

5. If you do not need a CT scan or a clinic appointment, the CXR or CT results will be sent to your GP and you can contact your GP surgery after a week to make an appointment to discuss further.

**PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS PROCESS MAY
TAKE ALL DAY**



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