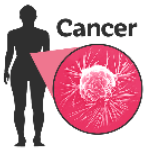
Urgent cancer referrals

	A referral means your doctor would like you to be seen at the hospital. Urgent means it needs to be done quickly.
	## Why Have I been referred to hospital?
	Your doctor thinks you might be at risk of cancer. They would like you to be seen quickly to find out what is wrong with you.
	## Does this mean I have cancer?
	Most people who have an urgent referral do not have cancer. But it is important to check your symptoms to find out what is wrong with you.
	## Important
	Please try to go to the first appointment you are offered. **If you cannot go please let the hospital know so that they can give you another appointment quickly.**

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	## Why is this important?
	Treatment for cancer works better if we start it quickly. You should get your results in four weeks.
	## What does my doctor's surgery need to know?
   	Make sure your surgery has the right address and phone number for you. Tell them how you would like to be contacted by the hospital. Let them know If you cannot go to an appointment in the next four weeks.
	## What happens next?
	We will contact you to let you know what happens next. If you do not hear anything in 2 weeks you can contact your doctor for information.
	## How do I get to my appointment?
	The hospital booking team will contact you. You can let them know if you do not have transport. You may be able to use the patient ambulance service.

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	## Before your appointment
	Think of any questions you want to ask at the appointment. You can write them down to help you remember.
	## For more information
	You can get this information in other languages. Ask your doctor for a printed version or download it here: https://surreyandsussexcanceralliance.nhs.uk/patients-and-public/patient-information-urgent-cancer-referrals
	## For more information about Cancer
	Cancer Research UK – Your urgent suspected cancer referral explained www.macmillan.org.uk
	## Contact
	You can contact the Surrey and Sussex Cancer Alliance here: Rsch.sscaadmin@nhs.net

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