

## Patient information factsheet

# Urgent respiratory clinic

We've written this factsheet as a guide to the urgent respiratory clinic. It is important that you read all the information on this sheet and that you attend all the appointments that you are given. If you have any questions or worries, please speak to a member of our team.

### Urgent referral

Your GP has referred you to the respiratory team for a CT scan (a medical imaging test that produces detailed pictures of your lungs). This will be on a Tuesday morning. You may also have some pulmonary function tests (breathing tests).

You will have a clinic appointment or a telephone call with one of the respiratory team during the afternoon of the day of your scan. This is so we can give you the results of the scan and let you know if you need any other tests.

Being referred to this clinic does not necessarily mean that you have a serious illness, but the symptoms and history you have reported to your GP are suspicious enough for them to urgently refer you to this clinic.

### Your appointments

A member of our team at Southampton General Hospital will telephone you within two weeks of your GP referring you to our service.

The purpose of the call will be to confirm your contact details and book tests. We will then send you an invitation letter by post (or email if this is more convenient) to confirm your appointment dates and times.

### What will happen next?

One of our clinical nurse specialists will telephone you on the Monday morning before your appointment on the Tuesday.

The purpose of this call is to make sure that you have received your appointment for your CT scan and pulmonary function tests, to answer any questions you may have, and to undertake a short pre-clinic health questionnaire. This should take no longer than 15 minutes.

If you are not going to be in on this day or if you have another number you would prefer to be called on, please call us on **023 8120 8660** so that we can let the clinical nurse specialist know.

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## What should I do after I have had my tests?

You will need to be available for an outpatient appointment in the afternoon (if this is required). The purpose of this appointment is to give you the results of your CT scan and explain what the next steps are. If you need to have any further tests, we will explain these at this appointment.

If we need you to come back to the hospital for an outpatient appointment that afternoon, we will call you after 1.30pm to let you know. If not, we will contact you after 2.30pm to discuss your results. We will check your preferred method of contact. If you have a mobile phone, please keep this switched on after your CT scan.

## Useful information

If you need transport to your appointments, please contact your GP to arrange this for you.

All children visiting the department must be supervised by a responsible adult at all times. Members of staff are unable to look after children for you.

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