

# I have been referred for tests to investigate possible cancer - what does this mean for me?

## Day one

You are referred to hospital to investigate your symptoms to rule out cancer.

## Day one to 14

You will be contacted by the hospital within 10 to 14 days, for either a phone discussion or to arrange an appointment.

**Please make sure you attend the first available appointment or let the team know if you can't attend.**

## Day 14 to 28

You will receive the outcome of your tests and advised on next steps. This could include:

- no cancer found, discharged
- no cancer found but if symptoms or concerns persist go back to your GP
- cancer has been diagnosed and treatment options will be discussed with you.

**Ring the hospital if they have not contacted you after 14 days:**

East Kent hospitals: 01227 864240

Medway hospital: 01634 833891

Darent Valley Hospital: 0208 228 1152

Maidstone Hospital: 01622 224519

Kent Integrated Dermatology Services 01634 799730

## Here to help

Cancer Research UK: [www.cancerresearch.co.uk](http://www.cancerresearch.co.uk)  
0808 800 4040, Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm

Macmillan Cancer Support: [www.macmillan.org.uk](http://www.macmillan.org.uk)  
0808 808 00 00, Monday to Sunday, 8am to 8pm

Cancer Care Map: [www.cancercaremap.org](http://www.cancercaremap.org)

## Handy hints

- Calls from hospitals may show as private number or you may not recognise it.
- Check to see if you can take a family member or friend with you to the hospital or for planned phone calls.
- There may be a lot of information given at this time
- Have a pen and paper ready
- Have questions prepared