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# One Stop Diagnostic Respiratory Clinic

## General Medicine

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## Further Information

We endeavour to provide an excellent service at all times, but should you have any concerns please, in the first instance, raise these with the Matron, Senior Nurse or Manager on duty. If they cannot resolve your concern, please contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 01932 723553 or email [pals@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@asph.nhs.uk). If you still remain concerned please contact our Complaints Manager on 01932 722612 or email [complaints@asph.nhs.uk](mailto:complaints@asph.nhs.uk)

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The clinic can be accessed via the main outpatients' entrance, proceeding up the escalators to level 3 and following signs. In this instance you may park at the front of the hospital in the main outpatients' car park.

## Further Information

Additional information regarding cancer can be obtained by logging on to [www.roycastle.org](http://www.roycastle.org)

# One Stop Diagnostic Respiratory Clinic

## Introduction

Recently you may have been concerned about your health. Perhaps you have been suffering from a chest infection that wouldn't go away, a persistent cough, breathlessness, chest pain, loss of your voice, swelling in the neck or face, weight loss (but not sure why), or coughing up blood.

Your GP has referred you to the Respiratory Team at Ashford and St. Peter's NHS Hospitals Trust, who are a dedicated team committed to diagnosing your illness as efficiently and quickly as possible.

Recent studies have shown that patients are more satisfied with their overall care if the duration of time from the referral to the chest specialist and their diagnosis is as short as possible.

With this information in mind, the Respiratory Team have set up a rapid, one stop diagnostic clinic for those patients where a possible diagnosis of lung cancer needs to be excluded.

## What do I need to do?

You will be sent an appointment letter together with this information leaflet. This will provide you with instructions on where to go when you arrive. Please bring this to the clinic with you.

Initially you will be seen in clinic by a chest physician and a specialist nurse who will be on hand throughout your stay and will

organise various tests for you. These tests do take some time to complete so please be prepared to spend the day with us.

Your spouse, partner, friend is always welcome to attend with you. Please bring nightwear and toiletries, occasionally it has been necessary for a patient to stay overnight.

Please do not bring expensive items or large amounts of money.

Please see attached letter giving you guidelines on what to eat and drink.

### **What are the tests I may expect to have?**

Your Specialist Nurse and Doctor will explain, in more depth, about the tests, but you may expect to have:

- 1 Blood Tests
- 2 Lung Function Tests
- 3 A CT scan (if you have not already had one)
- 4 A Bronchoscopy or
- 5 A CT guided biopsy

Specific information about the type of biopsy you will need will be discussed with you by your doctor. At any time, please feel free to ask questions or raise concerns/worries.

The medical and nursing staff are all there to help you, and are happy to discuss your illness with you.

### **Whom should I contact if I have any questions prior to my appointment?**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact:

**The Specialist Nurse assigned to this clinic**

**Direct Line 01932 723697**

**Pager 8198**

**Sophie Owen** (Secretary to Dr P Murray)

telephone **01932 722305**

St. Peter's Hospital Switchboard telephone **01932 872000**

### **What about my follow-up appointment?**

When all the tests are completed and the doctor has said you may go home.

You will be given a follow-up appointment to see the Respiratory Team in clinic for the results of your tests; these may take a few days to come back. Your appointment will be within a week to ten days.

### **Where can I park?**

Please leave plenty of time to park as the car parks are very busy. There is a standard daily charge of £5.00. We have pay and display machines in each car park which accept silver coinage from 5p to £2.00. If you are registered disabled, and have a blue disabled sticker, you may park without charge.