

Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic

What is the Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic?

The Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic provides rapid access to people who present with problems caused by the treatment of or by cancer.

The aim of the clinic is to provide rapid access to specialist oncology advice and management so that you only receive appropriate tests and investigations and can return home as soon as possible.

The Acute Oncology Service works with your own specialist Oncology Team.

Why have I been referred to the Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic?

You have been referred to the Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic for assessment and investigation of a cancer or treatment related complication.

On the appointment day you will receive a comprehensive clinical review which could include any of the following:

- Physical assessment – A comprehensive assessment of your physical health.
- Blood test - Samples of blood will be taken to check your general health.
- Cannulation – A thin tube that is inserted into the body to perform the function of delivering medication.
- MRI scan - This scan uses magnetism to build up cross-sectional pictures of areas in your body.
- CT scan - This scan takes a series of x-rays which build up a three dimensional picture of the inside of the body.

What happens at the Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic?

You will meet the Acute Oncology Advanced Nurse Practitioner who will take a history of your presenting complaint. This will include a physical assessment. Recommendations will be made to investigate the cause of your presenting complaint. Investigations will include blood tests and/or scans. If needed, you will have your investigations following your physical assessment and on the same day return to the clinic for your results and an agreed management plan before you leave the clinic.

You should expect to be in the Acute Oncology Fast Track Clinic for anything up to 8 hours.

What happens after my appointment?

At the end of your appointment a management care plan will be agreed with you depending on the findings from your physical assessment and results of your investigations. We will communicate the outcome to your specialist cancer team. If needed, we will seek advice from the on-call Oncology Doctor.

Our aims

We will make sure you only receive appropriate tests and investigations.

We will make sure you are not kept in hospital longer than necessary.

We will communicate with your specialist cancer team and your GP.

Key contacts

Judy Beard Unit (Conquest Hospital)

Ext: 770503 – Tel: 0300 131 4500

Pevensey Ward (Eastbourne DGH) Out of hours cross site

Ext: 734808 – Tel: 0300 131 4808*

**This contact number is accessible to all haematology and oncology patients treated at East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust.*

Pevensey Day Unit (Eastbourne DGH)

Ext: 771865 / 771866 - Tel: 0300 131 4500

Your comments

We are always interested to hear your views about our leaflets. If you have any comments, please contact the Patient Experience Team – Tel: 0300 131 4731 (direct dial) or by email at: esh-tr.patientexperience@nhs.net

Hand hygiene

The trust is committed to maintaining a clean, safe environment. Hand hygiene is very important in controlling infection. Alcohol gel is widely available at the patient bedside for staff use and at the entrance of each clinical area for visitors to clean their hands before and after entering.

Other formats

If you require any of the Trust leaflets in alternative formats, such as large print or alternative languages, please contact the Equality and Human Rights Department.

Tel: 0300 131 4434 Email: esh-tr.AccessibleInformation@nhs.net

After reading this information are there any questions you would like to ask? Please list below and ask your nurse or doctor.

Reference

The following clinicians have been consulted and agreed this patient information:

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The Clinical Specialty/Unit that have agreed this patient information leaflet:

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