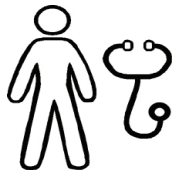


What will happen at my appointment?

When you are called for the first time, the nurse might:

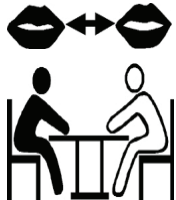


- ◆ send you for an x-ray **OR**
- ◆ show you into a private consulting room to be seen by the doctor.

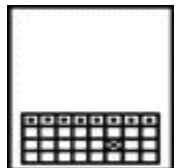


The doctor will:

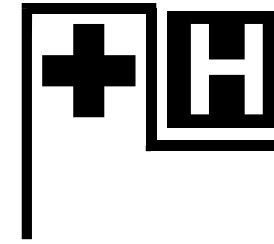
- ◆ ask you some questions about your health and the problems you have been having
- ◆ examine you and the parts of your body which have been giving you problems
- ◆ explain to you what might be wrong
- ◆ give you advice about treatment for the future



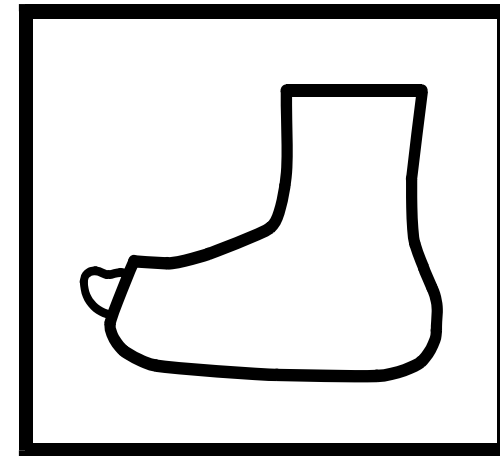
The doctor might ask for you to go for an X-ray



You may be asked to come back to the Outpatient Department at another time.

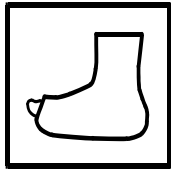


Orthopaedic Clinic



Outpatient Department

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What is the Orthopaedic Clinic?

You will see a doctor who specialises in bones and joints.

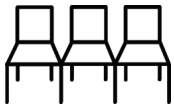


If you need help or a wheelchair, please phone us before you come. Our phone number is on your appointment letter. Please try to arrive on time.

What should I do when I get to the Outpatient Department?



When you arrive, go to the reception desk. Either hand in your appointment card or give your name.

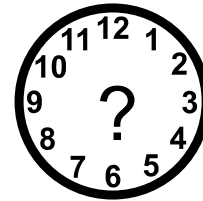


The receptionist will ask you to sit in the waiting area. Someone from the clinic will call your name when it's your turn to be seen.

What should I do if I cannot come?



If you cannot come to your appointment please phone the number on your appointment letter or e-mail the address on your appointment letter.



How long will my appointment take?

Please allow up to 2 hours for your appointment.

You might need to get an x-ray.

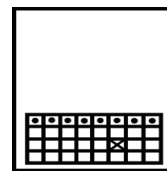
When the clinic is very busy you may have to wait.

We will tell you how long you have to wait.

We will give you another appointment time if you cannot wait.

What should I bring to the appointment?

Bring:



- ♦ your appointment card



- ♦ a list of your medicines



- ♦ a list of any questions you might want to ask.