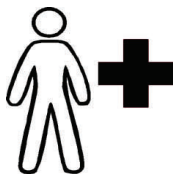


## What will happen at my appointment?

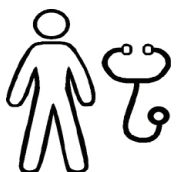


When you are called for the first time, the nurse will:

- ♦ check your weight
- ♦ check your height
- ♦ test your urine sample.

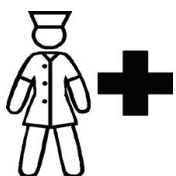


You will then be asked to wait again for a short while until you are called by the doctor.



The surgeon or doctor will take you to a private consulting room and will:

- ♦ ask you some questions about your health and the problems you have been having
- ♦ give you a thorough examination. **If you need an intimate examination and the doctor is male, a female nurse will be with you during the examination and she can stay until you are dressed again**



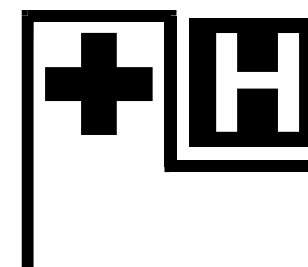
- ♦ give you some information about your problem and the treatment options available.



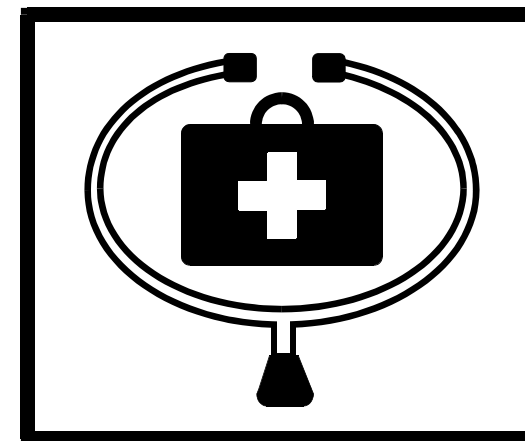
The surgeon or doctor might ask for you to be x-rayed. This may be done during your appointment and you will be directed to the X-ray Department.



You may be asked to come back at another time.



## Surgical Clinic



## Outpatient Department

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## What is the Surgical Clinic?

A specialist surgeon or doctor will see you at this clinic.

If you are female and need an intimate examination and the doctor is male, a female nurse will be with you during the examination and she can stay until you are dressed again.



**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.

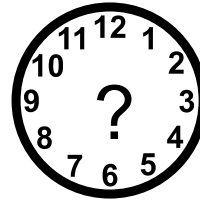


## What should I do if I cannot come?



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?



You should allow up to 1 hour for this appointment.

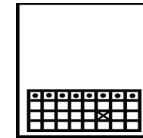
On rare occasions, the surgeon or doctor can be delayed in theatre.

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 specimen of urine. You can get a bottle for the specimen from your doctor or at your local chemist shop



♦ spectacles if you need them for reading as you may have to fill in a pre-admission questionnaire



♦ a list of the questions you want to ask.