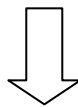


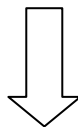
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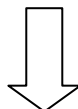
**Choose your treatment centre**  
You and/or your GP choose a UKSH treatment centre for your treatment



**GP referral**  
Your GP writes a referral letter to UKSH, giving the details of your condition and specifying the treatment centre you have chosen



**Make appointment**  
We'll contact you, offering you a choice of 3 appointment dates, all within 4 weeks of your GP's referral letter



**Initial appointment**  
You'll have an initial appointment. This will involve *either*:

- A visit to the outpatients unit for a pre-assessment. The purpose of this pre-assessment is for the doctor in charge of your case to assess your condition and determine the best course of treatment

**OR**

- If we're certain we can treat you immediately you'll come in straight away for an assessment and surgery on the same day - Same Day Clinic



**OUT-PATIENTS PRE-ASSESSMENT**

**Outpatient assessment**

At your first appointment, you'll be seen by the doctor in charge of your care to carry out a full assessment prior to recommending treatment. If further treatment is required, or you need an operation, this will be discussed and a date set.

You'll have ample opportunity at this stage to discuss your treatment with your consultant.



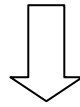
**Your treatment**

Depending on the treatment recommended by your doctor, you'll come into the centre as a day patient (in and out the same day) or an in-patient (you'll have to stay for at least one night).

Before your operation, you'll have an opportunity to discuss all aspects of your surgery with the medical team so you'll know how long the operation should take, whether it will require local or general anaesthetic and how quickly you'll be able to go home.

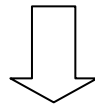


**SAME DAY CLINIC**



### **Discharge**

Before leaving, you'll be given your follow-up treatment plan, and if you need any further appointments these will be made at this stage. You'll get a copy of the follow-up treatment plan to take away with you and one will be sent to your GP as well.



### **Follow-up**

A member of our medical team will also contact you within 24 hours of leaving the centre. This is just to check that you're okay and to deal with any ongoing concerns you may have.