

Shortly, you will receive leaflets produced by Cancer Research UK (CRUK) to help with your discussions with patients you are referring on a Two Week Wait (TWW) pathway.

The leaflet explains to them what a TWW/urgent referral is and how quickly they will have their initial appointment with the hospital and that it is to investigate their symptoms further, to find out what is wrong and if it could be **cancer**.

It also informs them that it is normal to worry when you are urgently referred to see a specialist by a GP. However, **9 in every 10 people (90%) referred this way will not be diagnosed with cancer**.

The leaflet also gives information on

- What happens once they've been referred
- How they can prepare for appointments
- What questions to ask the specialist
- What to do if their symptoms get worse
- How they will get their results
- What happens next
- Where they can find out more and who they can talk to for support



Included is CRUK's confidential helpline, staffed by experienced nurses. They are available Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Nurses can be called on 0808 800 4040.

More leaflets can be ordered free of charge:

<https://publications.cancerresearchuk.org/publication/your-urgent-referral-explained>

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