



## Bowel Cancer What Happens Next?

This leaflet gives you information about your test today and what to expect over the next few weeks.

After your test you were made aware that a suspicious area in your bowel was discovered which unfortunately could be a cancer. A sample (biopsy) of the tissue was therefore taken for analysis.

Your doctor may also request some more investigations so you may receive:

- An appointment for a CT scan (and in some cases an MRI scan as well). These scans give the doctor's detailed information about the affected area of the bowel and surrounding organs.
- An out-patient appointment within the next two to three weeks either with the Doctor who performed your colonoscopy, a Surgeon or a Cancer Specialist. We advise you to come to this appointment with either a family member or a friend.

By this time the specialist team (MDT – Multi Disciplinary Team) of health care workers who take care of people suspected of having cancer, will have reviewed all your test results and planned any further treatment you may need.

You may not recall everything that the doctor discussed with you today especially if you were given sedation during your test. A Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) from the team will contact you by phone within 1 working day (Monday to Friday) and on a Monday if your test was at the weekend, they will also meet you at your outpatient appointment. The CNS and the Consultant will be able to answer your questions, provide more information and discuss your treatment plan with you, once all the results are available.

**Please contact the colorectal nurses on the numbers below for the hospital you attended, if you haven't had any contact 1 working day following your procedure.**

**Birmingham Heartlands Hospital Colorectal Nurses 0121 424 2730**  
**Good Hope Hospital Colorectal Nurses 0121 424 7429**

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Bowel cancer UK

- Call us on 020 7940 1760. We're open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm
- Email us at [admin@bowelcanceruk.org.uk](mailto:admin@bowelcanceruk.org.uk)

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