Urgent respiratory referral – PLEASE READ & KEEP

1. Why am I being referred?
Your doctor has requested an urgent CT scan and has booked a specialist to discuss the result with you by phone as soon as possible. Although your GP may have expressed concern about a possible cancer, undergoing this process does not mean that you have cancer. Once you have had your CT scan you will hear the result from a respiratory consultant who will call you at a prearranged date and time.

2. What will happen first?
First you will need a blood test in readiness for a CT scan of your chest and upper abdomen. Your GP will request the blood test. The test will need to be done within a few days and before your scan. You can go to your nearest Bucks hospital site or your own GP to have the blood test. Please choose wherever is easiest and quickest for you. Wycombe, Stoke Mandeville and Amersham hospital sites offer a walk in service for blood tests Mon-Fri 9am – 3.30

3. How will I hear about my scan?
The radiology department will contact you to arrange your scan. It will take place in the Radiology department at Stoke Mandeville Hospital or Wycombe Hospital depending on the next available appointment.

4. What happens after my scan?
Your GP has requested that a respiratory consultant phone you on a set date and time to discuss your scan. When they call you they may suggest that additional tests or an appointment is needed to explore things in more detail.

If you think you cannot attend further tests or a face to face appointment it is important you let the doctor know immediately.

BRING SOMEONE ALONG:
We are always happy for you to bring someone with you to any hospital appointments. This is often helpful when new information is being discussed and also if more tests need arranging.

5. Checks for you & your GP
Before you leave your GP surgery check the questions below:

- Has your GP informed you that you need a blood test within the next 3 days, before your CT scan?
- Has you GP explained why you need a CT scan and that you will be contacted to arrange it?
- Has your GP given you the date and time when you will be telephoned to talk about the outcome of the CT scan?
- Have you confirmed/provided an up to date telephone number so you can be contacted easily?

CALL US
If you have not received a phone call from a consultant following your CT scan OR if you need to change the date of your booked phone call.
Tel 01296 315686

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