



PATIENT INFORMATION

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Dear

You have recently been seen by a member of the colorectal team and given a diagnosis/suspected diagnosis of colorectal cancer.

Your main contact (or Key Worker) will beColorectal Specialist Nurse. They will be available to support you during your treatment. Their role is to help co-ordinate your care, offer you relevant information and symptom advice and to communicate between members of the healthcare team. Their hours of work are as following.....Monday to Friday.

Contact details Office: 01803 655551, or if more urgent, contact via switchboard **01803 614567**, ask for operator **Bleep 370 or #6435**; this will put you straight through to your Specialist Nurse.

What happens now?

You will be asked to attend a combination of the following investigations over the next few weeks, in order that we can find out the exact nature of your disease and offer you the best possible care.

- CT scan
- MRI scan
- Colonoscopy
- Barium Enema
- CT Colonography
- CPX – A Fitness Assessment

Information about these procedures will be sent in the post to you along with your appointment. Please bring someone with you to these appointments for support and to help with retaining information.

The results of these investigations will be presented at our Colorectal Multidisciplinary Team Meeting (MDT) where a team of experts look at your investigations and advise on the treatment options available. In Torbay Hospital these meetings are held on a Friday once a week.

The Colorectal Consultant and the Colorectal Specialist Nurse will then see you in clinic to discuss the results of your investigations and the treatment options available to you.

Date of Outpatient Appt