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Pneumonia

Advice for patients discharged
from hospital

Patient information

What is pneumonia?

Pneumonia is inflammation of the lung tissue, usually caused by infection with bacteria or viruses.

The medical team looking after you during your hospital admission have decided that you are ready to be discharged from hospital. They will advise you if any further treatment is required once you leave hospital, such as completing a course of antibiotics.

What happens next?

You will need to have a chest x-ray approximately 6 weeks after treatment, to ensure the pneumonia has cleared. This is particularly important if you are over 50 years old or have a history of smoking.



How do I arrange to have the x-ray?

The x-ray has already been requested digitally for you by your treating hospital team.

You simply need to attend the walk-in x-ray department at the Hove Polyclinic, Princess Royal Hospital or the Royal Sussex County Hospital the week commencing _____ between **09.00-16.30 Monday to Friday.**

You will not be receiving a letter in the post so please hold onto this when you leave hospital to remind you of the date above.

If your x-ray shows there are ongoing changes, you will be contacted to arrange further follow-up and may need further tests or treatment.

Please seek medical advice if you feel your symptoms are worsening.

Ward:

Consultant:

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