

# After your CT scan

**You have recently had a CT scan of your lungs as part of your lung cancer screening. The results should be available within four weeks, and you should receive a letter or phone call from the lung cancer screening team. A copy will also be sent to your GP.**

**If you do not hear from us within four weeks of your scan, please contact 020 3835 1600.**

## What happens after my scan?

Your CT scan images will be sent to a radiologist, a doctor who specialises in interpreting medical images, who will write a report about your scan.

The findings in the report will be reviewed by a respiratory physician, who is a doctor who specialises in the lungs. They will decide if anything found on your scan requires further investigation or treatment.

## What could the radiologist see on my scan?

This type of CT scan looks mainly at the lungs, and can find conditions such as lung nodules, emphysema or chest infections as well as cancer. It can also provide some information about the heart, liver, kidneys and other organs.

## Will I need any treatment?

Most people who have a CT scan as part of their lung cancer screening will need no further tests or treatment.

If there are any significant findings that may affect your health, these will be explained in the results letter we send to you and to your GP. In some instances, your GP will be able to arrange further tests or investigations if needed.

In others a clinician will contact you, by telephone, to explain the findings and any referral to a hospital that has been made for you. The number might come up as 'unknown number' on your screen. If you think you have missed a call from us, please call 020 3835 1600 to rearrange.

More information about what your scan results may include is available in the flow chart on the other side of this document.

## Will I have another scan with the lung cancer screening programme?

As a minimum, you will be invited approximately every two years for another scan until you reach the age of 75. You may be invited back earlier if there is something we'd like to keep an eye on. This will be explained to you in the letter you receive.



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# Your scan results letter

A letter will be sent to you and your GP within four weeks of your scan.  
This letter will indicate one of the following outcomes.

**No problems found**

This means we saw no signs of lung cancer or other problems on the scan.

You will be invited back for an appointment at the lung cancer screening centre in 2 years if you are still eligible.

**Further tests needed**

This usually means we have seen something on the scan that needs more investigations, which could include:

**A nodule:** We sometimes find a small spot called a 'nodule' on the lung. In 9 out of 10 cases this is something harmless but it needs to be observed with another scan.

You will be invited back for a follow up scan at the lung cancer screening centre in approximately 3 or 12 months.

**OR**

**Abnormal result:** This means there is something on the scan that needs further investigation.

You will be invited to an appointment at your local hospital in approximately 2 weeks.

**Other health conditions**

We may find other health conditions that need further tests or treatment. Most of these do not need urgent care and can be managed by your own GP.

We will explain in the letter what we found and the next steps, for example booking an appointment with your GP.



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