

# Gynaecology Same Day Emergency Care Pathway

This leaflet explains about the Gynaecology Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) pathway. If you have any further questions, please speak to a doctor or nurse caring for you. *Please note this pathway is new and is currently only accepting referrals for Hyperemesis Gravidarum or pregnancy sickness.*

## What is the Gynaecology SDEC Pathway?

If you require emergency care from our Gynaecology team you may be referred to the **Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) Pathway**. This means you will be seen by our specialist Gynaecology team in the Acute Gynaecology Unit instead of waiting in the Emergency Department. You will be seen on the same day or the next day if it is better for you to go home and return tomorrow. The purpose of the SDEC pathway is to avoid delays and provide faster treatment.

### CLINICIAN TO COMPLETE:

Your appointment is booked for: Time \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*If you cannot attend your scheduled SDEC appointment, please call the Acute Gynaecology Unit on 020 8725 1762 as soon as possible.*

## Who can attend / receive the service?

You must be referred to the SDEC pathway by a doctor, nurse, midwife or 111. Please do not attend without having been referred. If you have been an inpatient at St George's, we may arrange for you to come to SDEC for a follow-up appointment.

## Where do I need to go?

Please go to St George's Hospital, Blackshaw Road, Tooting SW17 0QT. Follow the signs to the **Acute Gynaecology Unit, Ground Floor, Lanesborough Wing**. When you arrive, please tell the nurse that you have been referred to the SDEC pathway. Please **do not arrive early** for your appointment as waiting room space is limited.

## Does it cost anything?

If you are eligible for free NHS treatment, it will not cost anything.

## What do I need to bring with me?

If you are being seen due to a pregnancy-related issue please bring your **antenatal notes** and any **ultrasound scans** you have.

## Useful sources of information

You can browse all leaflets from the Royal College of Gynaecology here:

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/for-the-public/browse-all-patient-information-leaflets/>

## Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns about the Gynaecology Same Day Emergency Care Pathway, please contact the Acute Gynaecology Unit on **020 8725 1762**. This telephone line is open Monday to Sunday from 9am to 8pm. Outside of these hours please call 111.

**For more information leaflets on conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit [www.stgeorges.nhs.uk](http://www.stgeorges.nhs.uk)**

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## Additional services

### Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

PALS can offer you on-the-spot advice and information when you have comments or concerns about our services or the care you have received. You can visit the PALS office between 9.30am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday in the main corridor between Grosvenor and Lanesborough wings (near the lift foyer).

**Tel:** 020 8725 2453 **Email:** [pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk](mailto:pals@stgeorges.nhs.uk)



### NHS Choices

NHS Choices provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make decisions about your health. **Web:** [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

### NHS 111

You can call 111 when you need medical help fast but it's not a 999 emergency. NHS 111 is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Calls are free from landlines and mobile phones. **Tel:** 111

### AccessAble

You can download accessibility guides for all our services by searching 'St George's Hospital' on the AccessAble website ([www.accessable.co.uk](http://www.accessable.co.uk)). The guides are designed to ensure everyone – including those with accessibility needs – can access our hospital and community sites with confidence.