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The Emergency Department (ED)

1. Check In

2. Assessment

3. Treatment

4. Outcome

Registration

You register at reception.

Triage (assessment)

A nurse will assess the urgency of your injury or illness.

1. Immediate
2. Very urgent
3. Urgent
4. Not very urgent
5. Non urgent

If you have a more serious illness or injury, you will be treated first. If you have a less serious illness or injury, you may have to wait.

Resuscitation if you have life-threatening injuries or illnesses.

Treatment if you have very urgent injuries or illnesses

Treatment if you have less urgent injuries or illnesses

Other assistance such as physiotherapy from a health or social care professional

Tests

You may need x-rays, scans, blood, urine or other tests. You may need to wait while we process your results and decide how best to treat you.

Leave the emergency department

70-80% of patients leave the emergency department after assessment or treatment.

Hospital

If you need more treatment, you will be admitted to a hosptial ward or a clinical decision unit.

Transfer

You may be transferred to another hospital.

Assessment Units

If you have a particular condition, you may be sent directly to a specialised assessment unit.

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