

Information for patients

Worsening symptom advice for cellulitis



You have been assessed today in Same Day Emergency Care and your doctor or advanced nurse practitioner has decided that you are safe to go home.

It is important to make sure that you know what to do if you feel less well after leaving the hospital.

If you develop the following symptoms, you should seek medical attention urgently. This will be discussed with you verbally as well.

- Sudden rapid worsening of the area of redness on your skin.
The staff seeing you in hospital may have marked this area with a pen. If it appears to be rapidly spreading out with the marked area, it is important to seek help.
- Developing blisters, ulcers or black spots on your skin
- Severe pain in the affected area
- Pus developing in the affected area
- Worsening fever
- Vomiting, dizziness, fast breathing, feeling clammy or having cold toes and fingers, shortness of breath, confusion – these can all be signs of sepsis, which is a potentially life threatening response to an infection. You must phone 999 as soon as possible if you suspect sepsis.

If you develop these symptoms you should phone 999 or go to hospital as soon as possible.

Information for patients who have been started on antibiotics

If you develop:

- A new rash or changes in your skin
- Swelling of your lips, tongue, mouth or face
- Difficulty breathing

You must seek medical attention immediately as this may be a severe allergy to the antibiotics.

Contact information

If you need to contact us, please use our contact numbers below:

Monday to Saturday 8am-8pm:

Same Day Emergency Care 0131 537 2137

Monday to Saturday 8pm-8am:

Medical Assessment Unit 0131 537 1330

Sunday: Medical Assessment Unit 0131 537 1330
