

## Notes and questions

Use the space below to note anything important you want to discuss with the SAU team before, during or after your tests.

## Where we are

The SAU is located on Level 3 in South Block. If you are coming by car, ask to be dropped off at the South Block entrance on Addington Road. If you are using the multi-storey or public transport, a volunteer-run buggy is available to take you from the main reception on Level 2 to the lifts in South Block.

To find out more about our Trust visit [www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk](http://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk)

**Please ask if you need this information in another language or format.**

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# Returning for further investigations on the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU)

Information for patients, relatives and carers

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The leaflet explains what happens if you need to return to the Surgical Assessment Unit (SAU) for further investigations (tests).

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## Your appointment

Following your attendance in the SAU you need to return to SAU for tests on:

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Your investigations

As part of your clinical review, you will have the following tests:

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## Instructions before your tests

- **Please do not eat any food after 2am on the morning of your test.** This includes sweets or gum.
- You can drink clear fluids, e.g. water / weak squash/ black tea or coffee.

## When to seek medical help

Seek advice as soon as possible if you experience any of the following while you are awaiting your tests:

- Worsening pain, despite taking painkillers;
- Feeling feverish, sweaty or shivery;
- Vomiting.

## Other medical help

**Out of hours:** Ring NHS 111 to book a slot at your nearest Emergency Department (A&E) for assessment by the surgical team.

**In hours:** Please contact your GP practice who, following assessment by phone or in person, can then speak to the hospital surgical team, if necessary.

## Contacting SAU

Telephone: 0118 322 7541/ 5779

## Test results

When returning to SAU for further investigations, your results will normally be discussed with you on the same day. If this is not the case, we will tell you on the day.