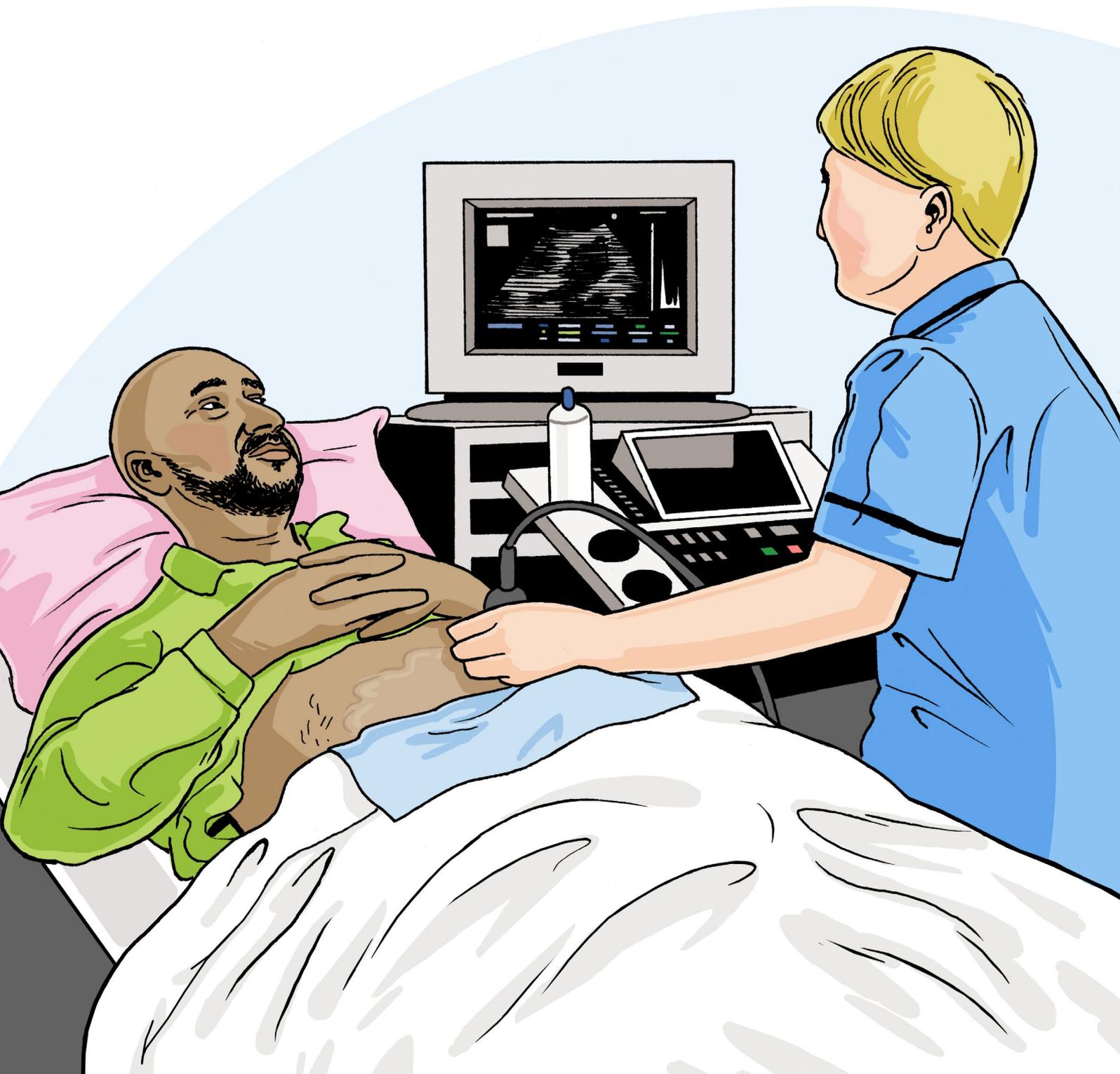


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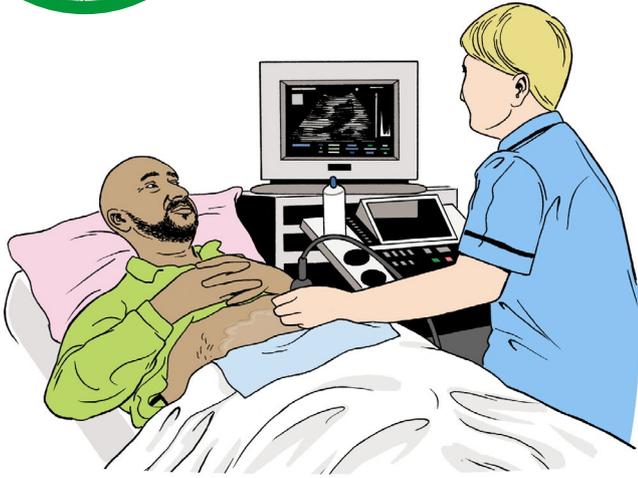
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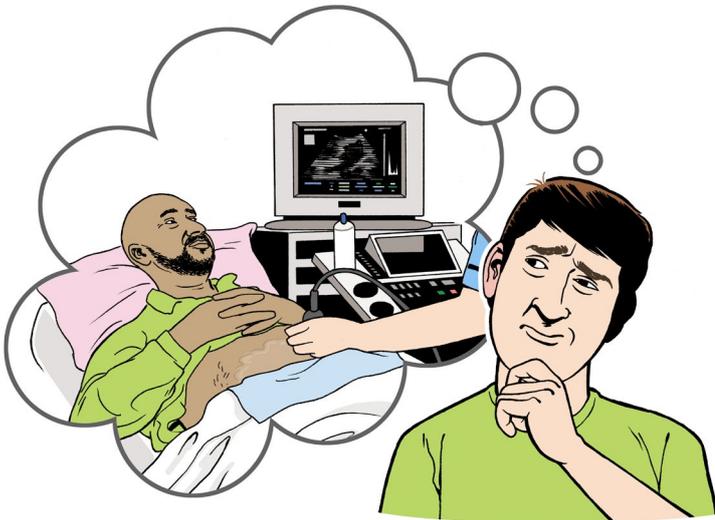




About this easy read booklet



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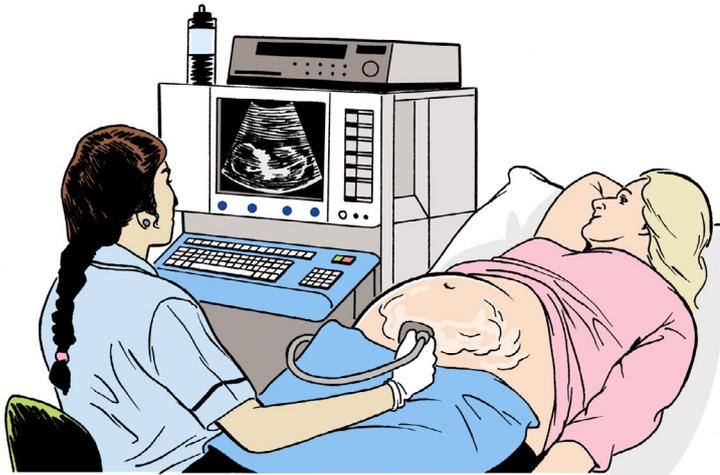
You can learn about what will happen at the hospital when you go in for an ultrasound.



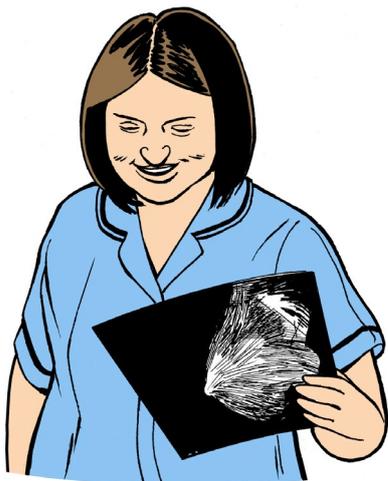
If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.



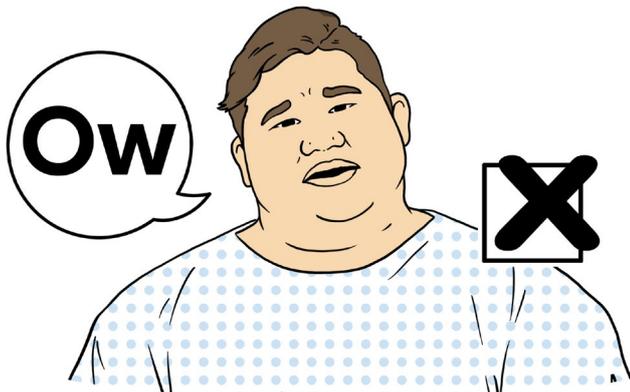
Ultrasounds



An ultrasound is a kind of **scan**. **Scans** are ways of taking photos of the inside of the body. This helps the doctor check if everything is OK, or find out what is causing a health problem.



Ultrasounds are done in hospital by people called **radiographers**.



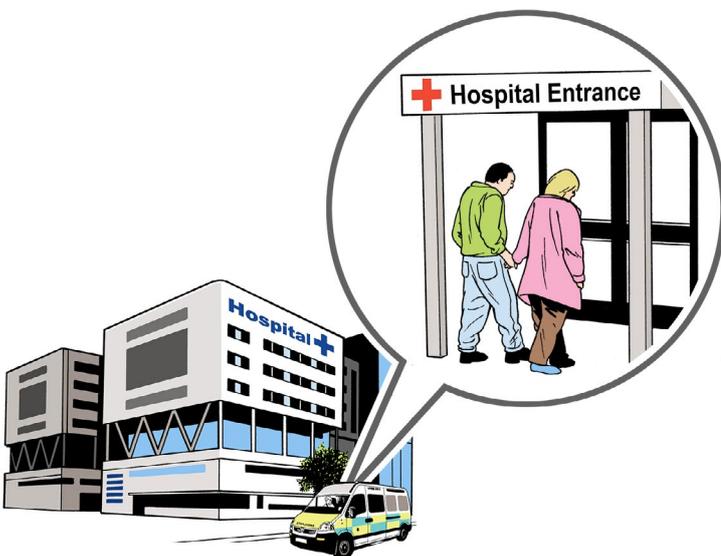
Ultrasounds do not hurt. Tell the doctor if you have any pain.



Before you go for the scan, you should tell the doctor if you think you might be pregnant.



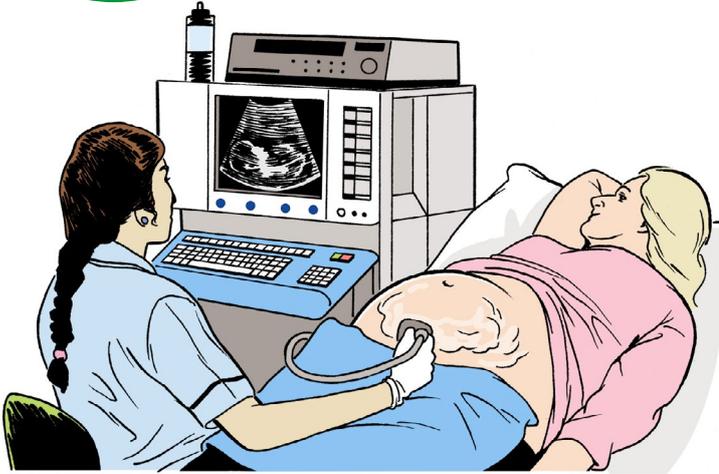
Before you have the scan you might want to ask the radiographer, x-ray nurse or the person who gives you support to tell you what they are going to do.



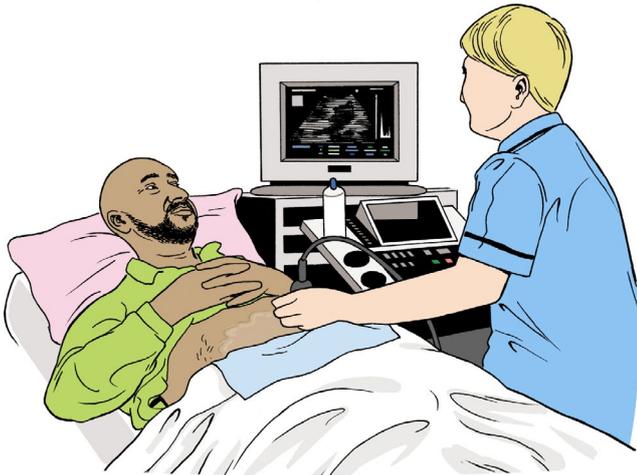
You may be able to visit the hospital with the person who gives you support before you go for the tests. Then you will know what it is like.



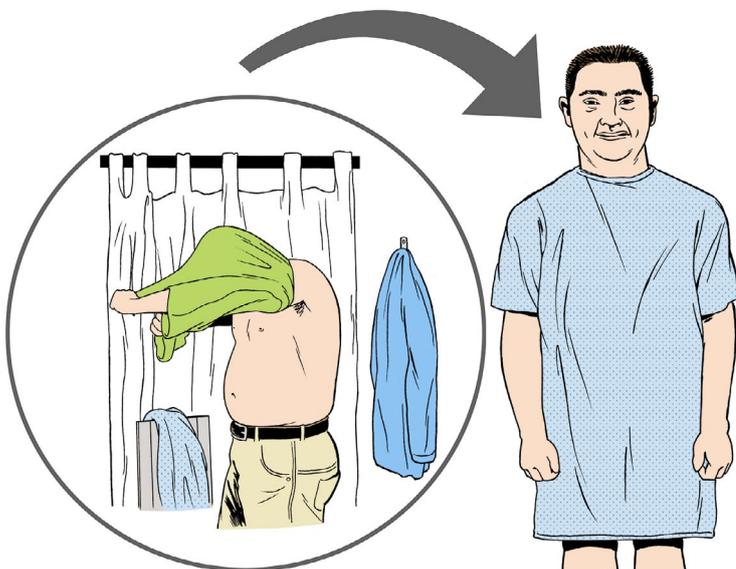
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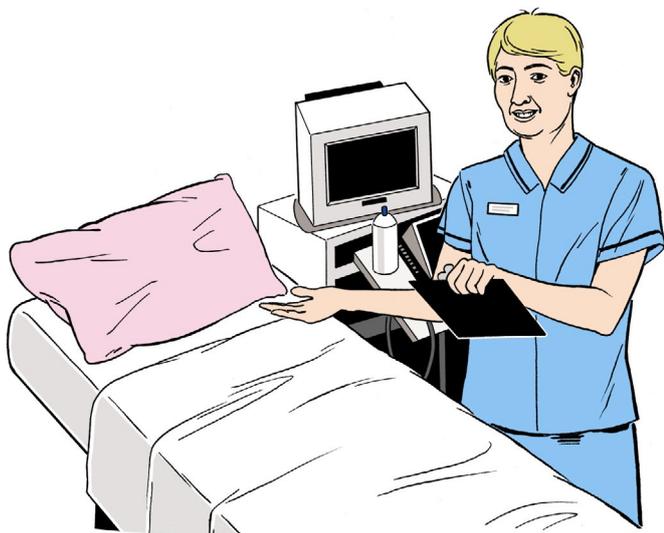
An ultrasound scan uses sound waves to make a picture of the inside of the body. They are often used to check babies before they are born.



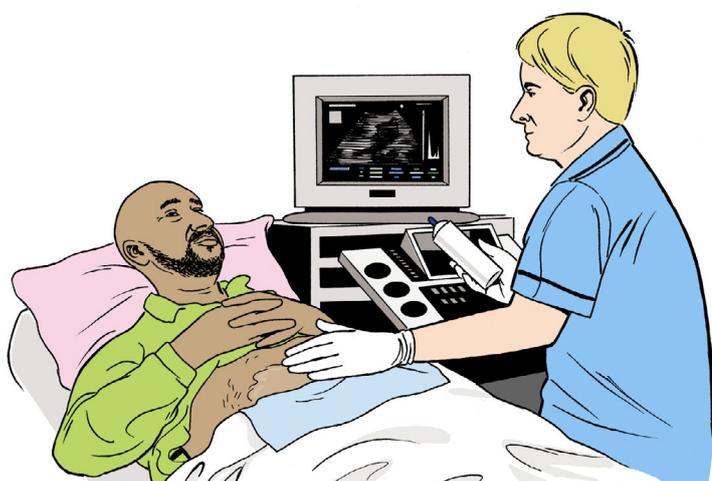
They are also used to check for cancer and other problems inside people's bodies.



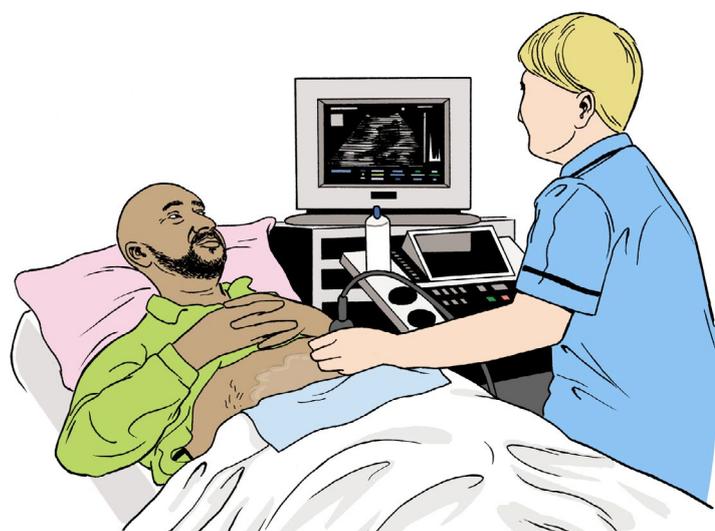
Before your scan you will be asked to take off some clothes and put on a hospital gown. You can usually keep your underwear on.



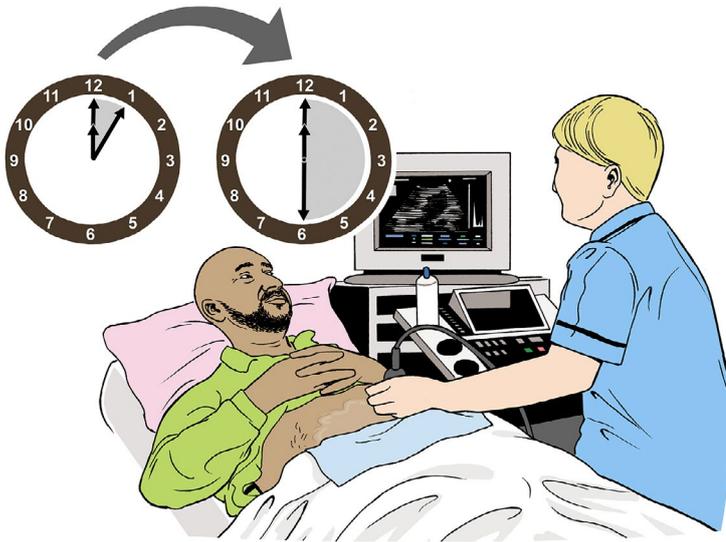
You will be asked to lie on the bed next to the machine. You might be able to sit up, but it depends on which part of your body is being scanned.



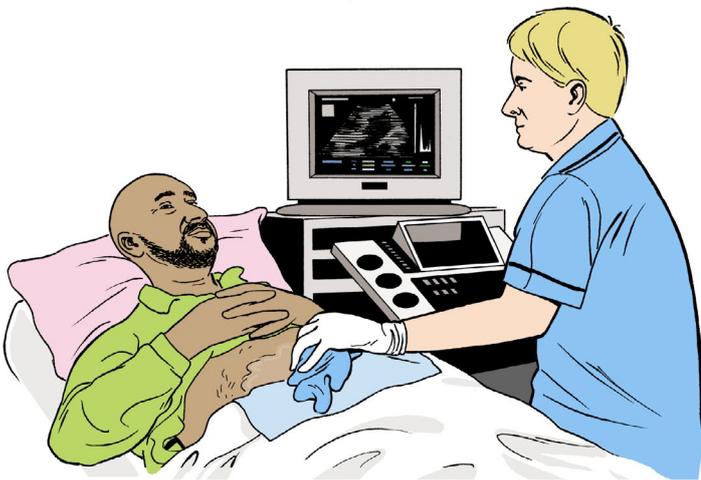
A gel will be put onto your skin where the radiographer is going to scan you. This helps the scan to work better. It might feel cold.



The radiographer will move a microphone over the part of your body that is being scanned. It is not painful but you will feel some gentle pushing.



The scan can take from 5 minutes to about half an hour.



At the end, the radiographer will wipe the gel off your skin where you had the scan. You can then put your clothes back on and go home.



It can take some time to get the results of your ultrasound. Your doctor will tell you how long you may have to wait.



It can be worrying to wait for the results of medical tests. It may help to have someone to talk to while you are waiting. They can also support you when you get the results.



How Macmillan can help you

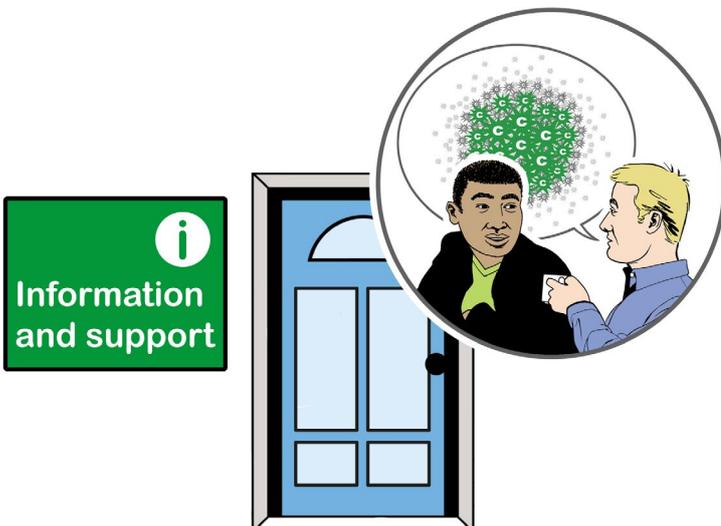


You can get support from:

- The Macmillan Support Line. Call **0808 808 00 00** 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.



- The Macmillan website. Visit macmillan.org.uk for information about cancer. You can also use our web chat to ask questions at macmillan.org.uk/talktous



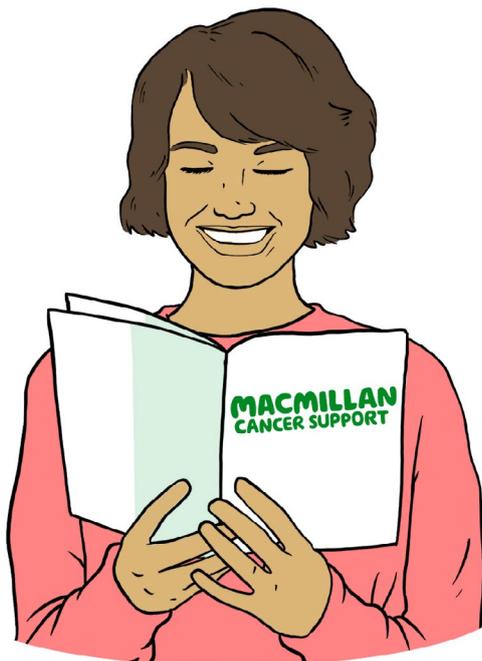
- Information centres. You can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information. Find your nearest centre at macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres or call us.



- Local support groups. Find a group near you at [macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups) or call us.



- The Macmillan Online Community. You can talk to other people in similar situations at [macmillan.org.uk/community](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/community)



Macmillan can give you information in different ways:

Booklets about cancer

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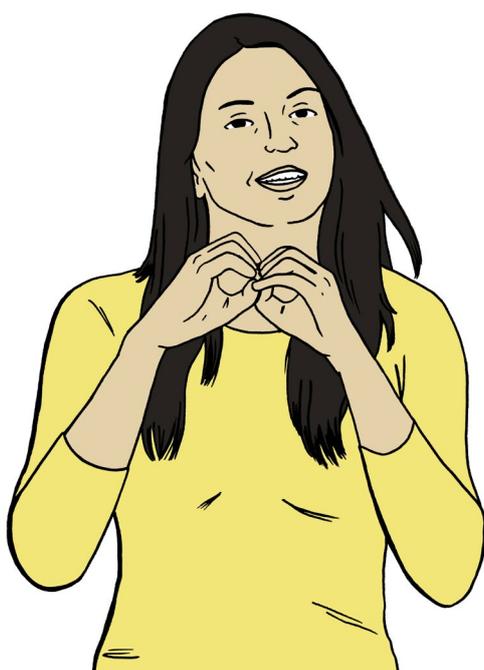
Videos

You can watch videos about cancer at [macmillan.org.uk/videos](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/videos)



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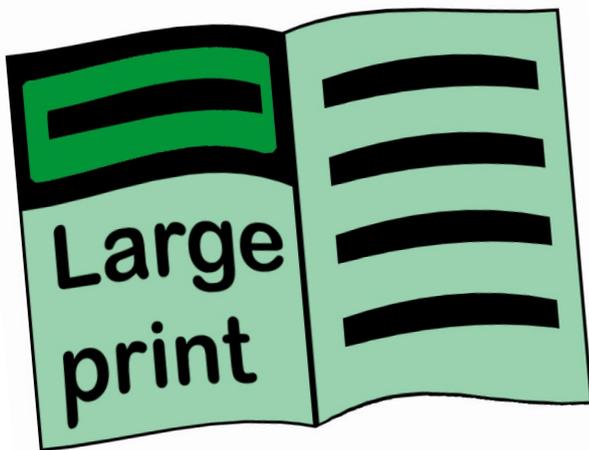
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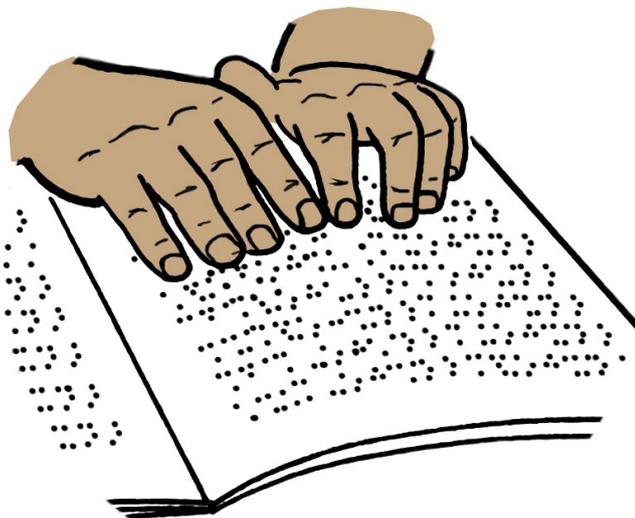
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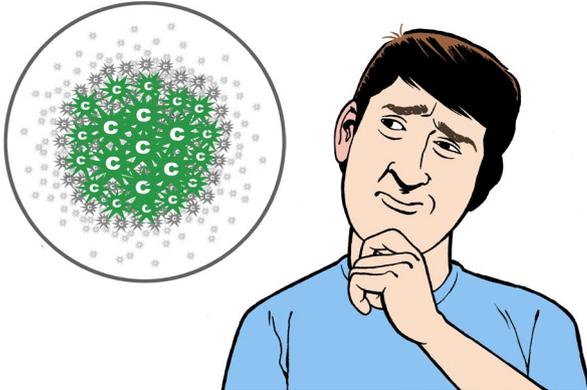
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- How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you



About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?



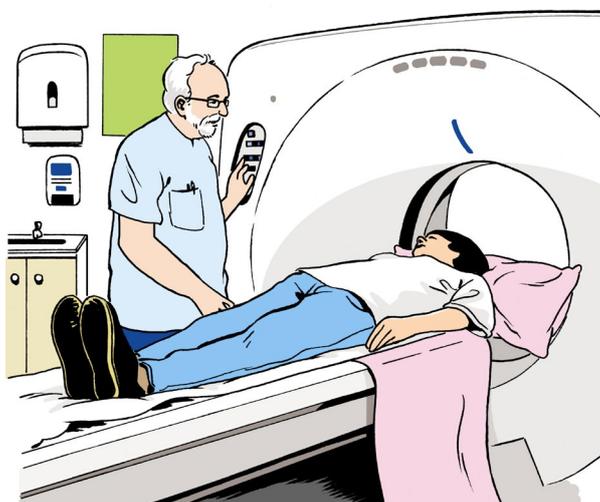
Signs and symptoms

- Breast care for women
- Cervical screening
- How to check your balls (testicles)
- Screening for cancer
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer



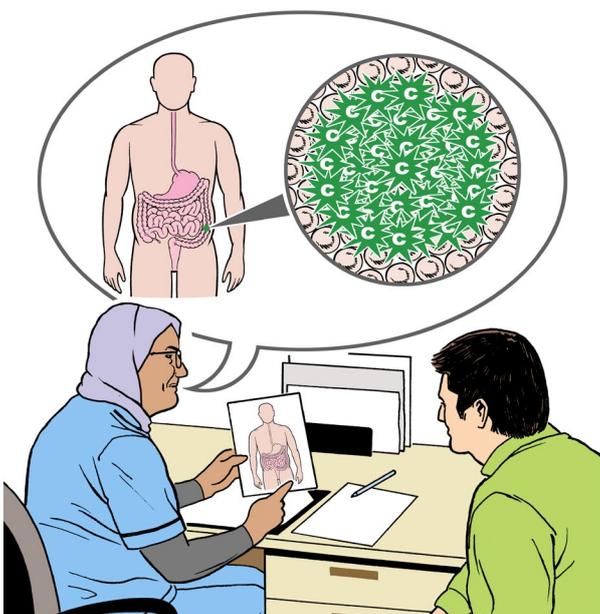
Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safer sex
- Stop smoking



Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray



Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer

Living with cancer

- 7 steps to equal healthcare
- After treatment for cancer
- Cancer and coronavirus
- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings
- Things that are important to me
- Work and cancer
- Your feelings and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer





End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Getting ready to die
- If you are dying from cancer
- Making decisions about the future if you are dying
- Spirituality and religion at the end of life
- The end of life
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying



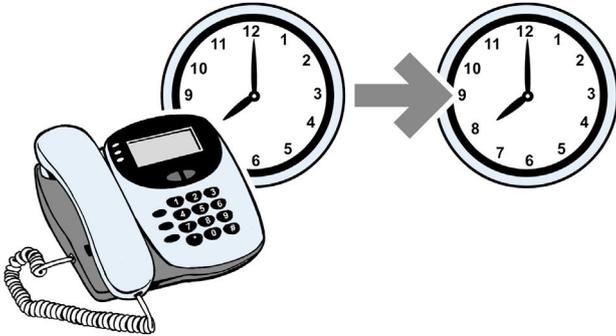
After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Grief and loss when someone dies
- How you may feel when someone dies
- What can help you feel better when someone dies

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