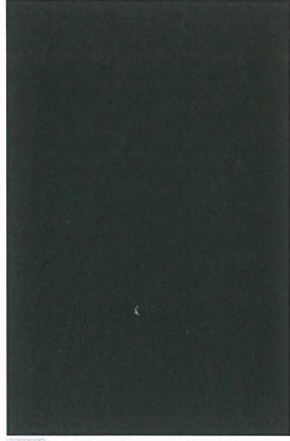


21 April 2023



We have received your referral to the Radiation Oncology Service and, based on the information provided, we expect to see you in approximately 12 weeks. We will be in touch closer to the time to confirm your appointment date and time and will contact you if an earlier appointment becomes available.

As you may be aware, referrals to the oncology service are assessed according to Ministry of Health guidelines, which for your condition recommend that you are seen within weeks. We recognise that your wait time may be outside the national target and we know that you would have been hoping to have been seen earlier than that, and for that we apologise. We are working to remedy this regrettable situation.

We appreciate the impact that cancer has on all aspects of your life and the lives of your family, whānau and wider community and not just on your physical health, but on your mental wellbeing, financial situation and your ability to play your role in your community.

We have also sent a copy of this letter to your referrer and to your General Practitioner, so they are aware of this. If your situation changes or if you wish to consider other options, such as privately funded referrals, then please discuss this with your GP in the first instance.

Yours sincerely  
Southern Blood & Cancer Service

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