



What to expect when being taken to hospital Easy Read





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If ever you need to call an Ambulance, it's important to understand what to expect and what will happen when the crew arrive.



When the crew enter your home, firstly, they will introduce themselves. In most cases, you'll have a Paramedic who is the Clinician and an Emergency Care Assistant.



The crew will ask you some questions about what's happening and then, with your consent, they will carry out some observations.



Taking your blood pressure.



Taking your temperature.



Taking your sugar levels.



Taking your pulse.



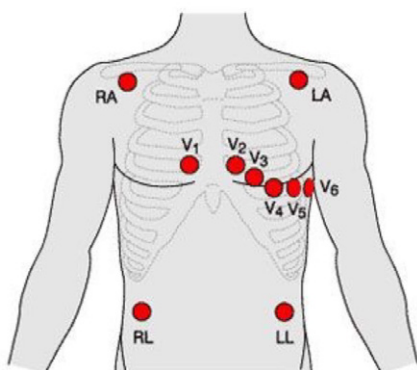
Depending on your symptoms, the Paramedic may investigate what's happening in a bit more detail.



Again, with your consent, they may ask for the following to be carried out:



Listen to your chest, using a stethoscope.



Carrying out an ECG. This involves putting leads on you and monitoring your heart.



After all our checks are complete, we would advise you to go to Hospital. This is because, the Hospital can do more detailed checks, to make sure you're OK.



We would advise you to get a bag ready, just in case they need to keep you in for any reason.



We would also advise to take any regular medication with you. This is so no medication will be missed and cause you further problems.



Once you have everything ready, we will escort you out to the Ambulance.



Once you are on the Ambulance and on the stretcher, we will reattach the monitoring equipment to you for the duration of the journey into Hospital.



Once we have arrived at Hospital, the Paramedic will go in and find out where you will be going.



We will take you into the Hospital on our stretcher and to the bed provide for you.



We will use a Patslide to transfer you from our stretcher onto the Hospital bed if you are unable to transfer yourself.



Once you are on the bed, the crew will make sure you're are comfortable and then hand you over to the Nurse in charge.