



Rapid Access Giant Cell Arteritis Clinic

Royal Perth Hospital

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When will my appointment be?

You are suspected of having an uncommon but serious condition called giant cell arteritis, which means inflammation of blood vessels, commonly around the head and neck. You need to be seen in the Royal Perth Hospital Rapid Access Giant Cell Arteritis Clinic for further investigation and management.

(ED clinician to check/highlight one of the following)

- Please attend the Royal Perth Hospital Rapid Access GCA Clinic in A Block, Level 7 (near Ophthalmology) on Tuesday morning at 8:30 am*

OR

- Please attend the Royal Perth Hospital Rapid Access GCA Clinic in Goderich Street Outpatients (Ground Floor) on Thursday morning at 8:30 am*

***You may be contacted by the Rheumatology Department if this appointment time needs to be changed.**

Before your appointment:

If you were commenced on steroid medication (e.g. prednisolone) in the Emergency Department, ensure you take this as instructed every day.

Attend the Emergency Department if you experience **any visual changes**.

At your appointment:

Please be aware that this appointment will likely take about an hour. You will be seen by a Consultant Rheumatologist who will perform a thorough assessment of you, including an ultrasound scan of the blood vessels around your temples, and organise blood tests and other scans if necessary. *Please expect delays – unfortunately this is often unavoidable.*

If you can not attend this appointment for any reason, please contact Hospital Switchboard on 9224 2244 and ask for the Rheumatology Registrar to be paged (during business hours)

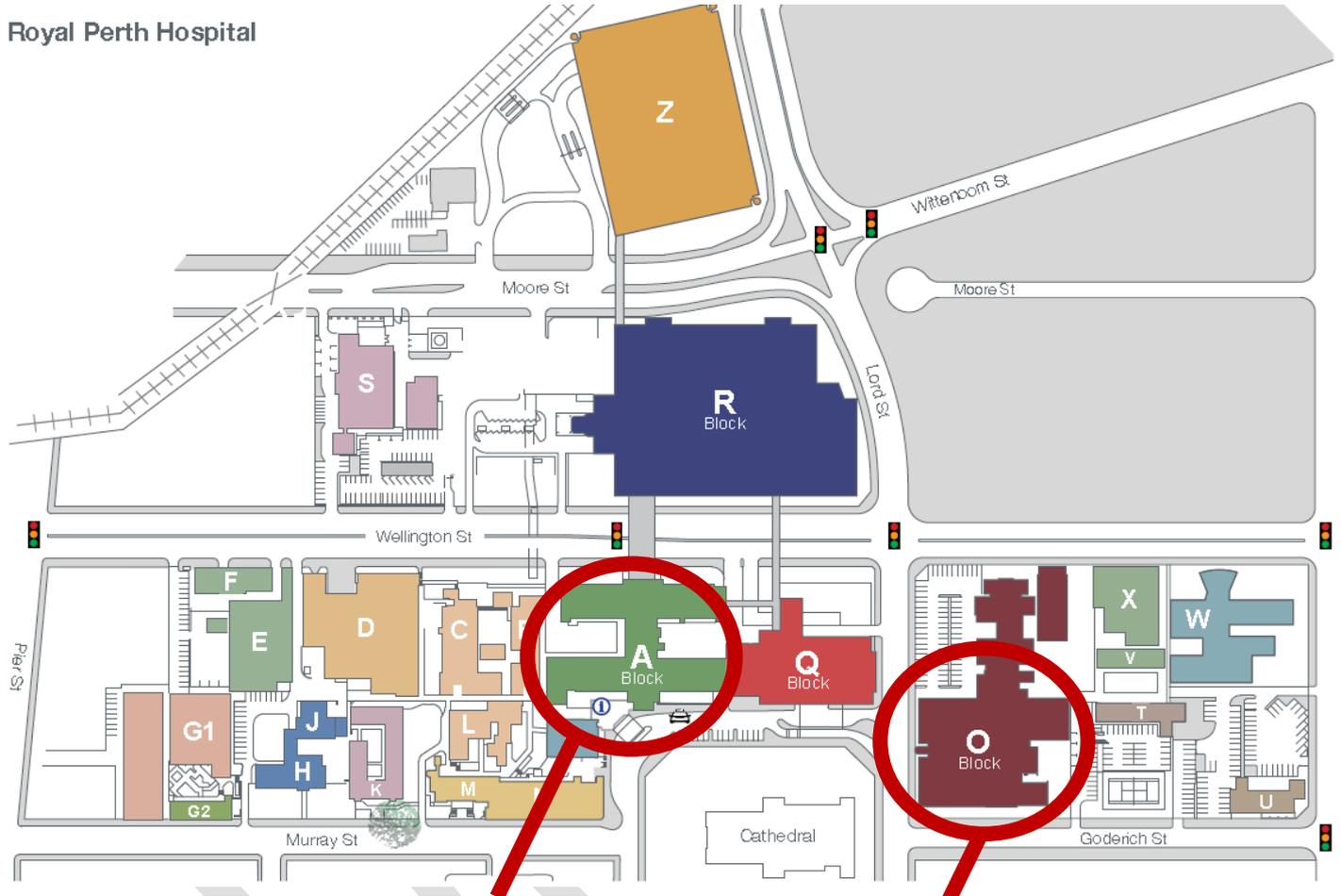
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Please send medical record ASAP to:

- Ophthalmology Clinic Level 7, A Block (for Tuesday morning Rapid Access GCA Clinic)
- Goderich Street Outpatients Ground Floor (for Thursday morning Rapid Access GCA Clinic)



Royal Perth Hospital Map



For Tuesday appointments:
The Rapid Access GCA Clinic
is located in A Block on Level 7

For Thursday appointments:
The Rapid Access GCA Clinic is
located here on Ground Floor