

Splenectomy Patient

The person carrying this card does not have a functioning spleen and is at increased risk of life-threatening infections

For this reason, they have been advised to present to their GP or nearest Emergency Department for:

- Rigors or high fever (>38°C)
- Cough with sputum
- Moderate to severe sore throat
- Flu-like illness
- Animal bites

Please Assess This Patient Immediately

Reminders for Patients

Keep up to date with vaccinations for Pneumococcus, Meningococcus and Flu.

Wear a medical alert bracelet, stating that you have had a splenectomy.

Have preventative antibiotics, either daily or emergency.

Take extra precautions if travelling to a malarious area.

If you need specialist advice, contact:
Haematology Department
Christchurch Hospital
Phone: (03) 364 0640