

# Health care in a day hospital

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A day hospital provides medical services, which cannot be provided in out patient clinics due to their complexity, risk or time-consuming, however, the reception in the hospital is not necessary. ([See all groups of people who in Latvia can receive State-funded health care.](#))

Medical service in a day hospital is characterised by:

- reception for one or several times;
- time period between two following receptions shall be at least six hours;
- the duration of one reception shall be up to one day and night (up to 24 hours).

Diagnostic, laboratorial examinations as well as different surgeries are performed in a day hospital. Patients may receive chemical therapy, gamma therapy, haemodialysis, medical rehabilitation services.

A family doctor or specialist is entitled to send you for a day hospital, if, according to your health condition, you:

- require to receive outpatient services, which provide taking medicines during the receipt of which the supervision of a doctor is required;
- need to have medicine injected during a day every certain period of time by different methods;
- require a difficult diagnostic examination;
- require a special prior preparation prior to diagnostic examination;
- require to receive anaesthesia (except for local anaesthesia) during examination;
- require a surgery;
- require rehabilitation services.

<https://www.vmnvd.gov.lv/en/health-care-day-hospital>