Rapid Access Infectious Diseases (RAID) clinic for urgent assessment of Infectious Diseases patients unlikely to require admission

You may be aware that the Hospital for Tropical Diseases provides a comprehensive inpatient and outpatient infectious diseases service covering non-travel-related community-acquired and hospital-acquired infection, which supports the rest of the Trust and primary care, with rapid access to Infection expertise, diagnostics, outpatient antibiotic therapy and more.

As part of this service we have a very flexible rapid access clinic to prevent admission and readmission, operating at our outpatient clinic base at Mortimer Market.

Eligible patients include:
Referrals from GP/ A&E who are:
- Unlikely to need admission
- Need urgent assessment/review within 24-72 hours

Typical patients may include:
- Patients with unexplained fever, rash, or lymphadenopathy (non-cancer)
- Cellulitis but otherwise ambulant and well for assessment of need for outpatient intravenous vs oral antibiotics
- Patients with resistant organism UTIs requiring IV or unlicensed oral medications (eg fosfomycin), who are otherwise well

Ineligible patients:
1. Patients with history of tropical travel < 6 months
2. Patients with significant co-morbidities or clinically likely to warrant admission (we will see in A&E)
3. Patients with suspected pulmonary TB

We will see as per normal Hospital for Tropical Diseases Walk-In clinic pathway
For infection control reasons, refer to open-access UCLH TB clinic

Booking Procedure:
Please contact Infectious Diseases/Tropical Medicine SpR at any time on 24hr mobile number: 07908 250 924
Alternatively email HTDRAID@uclh.nhs.uk

Our doctors/nurses will discuss and arrange with you and/or the patient the best place and time for the consultation.

The fax number for sending relevant paperwork is 0203 4479675. Please contact us first though, to ensure the urgency is recognised

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