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Request for aftercare following treatment abroad

Dear <NAME>

This letter is shared in response to your request for aftercare/ monitoring from your GP following treatment you have accessed abroad.

**GP practices cannot perform blood tests or other private investigations using NHS resources.** Doing so would inappropriately use NHS resources to carry out private activity.

The post treatment support you have asked for may require specialist input that may be available from the provider that undertook your procedure or via an alternative self-funded route. Specialist NHS services provide this aftercare for patients who have undergone <x> within the NHS.

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| **If you had <x> abroad:**  Government advice, NHS advice and some patient support groups’ advice on accessing treatment abroad, all advise that patients must be clear about how aftercare will be coordinated and provided, and that patients may be responsible for costs of the aftercare and of possible return trips associated with aftercare. Patients who have paid for treatment abroad have a responsibility to review and plan for all points in the recommended Treatment Abroad checklist (<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/going-abroad-for-treatment/treatment-abroad-checklist/>).  It is important to understand how medical treatment abroad works and what risks are involved. If you do not follow correct procedures, you may have to pay the full costs of your treatment. You can find more information online here: <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/healthcare-abroad/going-abroad-for-treatment/going-abroad-for-medical-treatment/>. |

Please be reassured that NHS emergency services are available should any emergency treatment be required as a result of any issues arising from your treatment abroad.