

英国国家医疗服务体系（NHS）在英格兰各地引进多个旨在加快癌症诊断速度的“一站式体检服务中心”。这一举措的目的是更早查出疾病并防止患者因症状不同而被转去接受不同类型的化验检查，耽误病情。英国国家医疗服务体系表示，这个“一步变化”将会改变疑似癌症患者的诊断及治疗方式。这类快速的诊断和癌症将救助癌症患者的生命。

While cancer **survival rates** have improved dramatically, patients who aren't **displaying** very **obvious signs** of the illness sometimes struggle to **access** quickly the help they need.

Those with **vague, non-specific** symptoms, such as **unexplained weight loss** or **abdominal pain**, can be **referred** several times for different tests for different cancers.

So NHS England is now adopting an approach first developed in Denmark by introducing ten specialist rapid **diagnostic** and **assessment centres**. The aim is that every patient is either diagnosed or given **the all-clear** within 28 days.

英国的癌症存活率近年来已有了极大的提高。未表现出明显癌症症状的患者有时很难快速得到他们所需要的帮助。

有模糊或非特定性症状的病人，包括原因不明的消瘦、腹痛，可能会被全科医生转诊去做不同癌症的多项专科化验。

因此，英国国家医疗服务体系英格兰分部先开始采用一项由丹麦开发的体制，引入了十个专科快速诊断和评估中心。他们的目标是在 **28** 天内，能给每个病人确诊或完全解除“警报”。

1. 词汇表

survival rates	存活率，生存率
displaying	表现（症状）
obvious signs	明显迹象
access	获取、得到
vague	模糊的，不明确的
non-specific	非特定的
unexplained	原因不明的
weight loss	体重下降
abdominal pain	腹痛
referred	被转诊
diagnostic	用于诊断的
assessment centres	评估中心
the all-clear	解除警报

2. 阅读理解：请在读完上文后，回答下列问题。（答案见下页）

1. Which country first developed the 'one-stop shop' approach?
2. What is the aim of the diagnostic and assessment centres?
3. True or false? *Patients with vague, non-specific symptoms can access quickly the help they need.*
4. Which word in the text is a synonym of 'quick'?

3. 答案

1. Which country first developed the 'one-stop shop' approach?

The country that first developed the approach is Denmark.

2. What is the aim of the diagnostic and assessment centres?

The aim is that every patient is either diagnosed or given the all-clear within 28 days.

3. True or false? *Patients with vague, non-specific symptoms can access quickly the help they need.*

False. According to the text, Patients who aren't displaying very obvious signs of the illness sometimes struggle to access quickly the help they need.

4. Which word in the text is a synonym of 'quick'?

Rapid.