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How to access the Italian National Service *from the first visit to autonomy*

First access:

Firstly, you will undergo a **medical visit** at the Migrant Outpatient Clinic.

The doctor will assess your state of health and pose questions to understand whether you are in need of assistance and/or psychological help. During the visit, a linguistic mediator will be present to help you speak with the doctor.

The Italian State guarantees at once the protection of your health and access to essential services you might need (*casualty, outpatient clinic visits, and tests*) by allocating to you an assistance code called **STP (Temporarily Present Foreigner) code**. Thereafter, assistance will be guaranteed in other ways.

It may also be necessary to perform a chest X-ray on the same day or in the following days to exclude that you are suffering from Tuberculosis, a severe lung disease that heals without leaving any consequences if treated well.

This is why it is very important that during the visit you report your symptoms, especially if you had fever and cough in the last few weeks.

Second access:

You will have the opportunity to access the Vaccination clinics of the Public Hygiene service to undergo vaccinations.

Vaccinations allow you to prevent several diseases, serious ones as well, and will be offered to you free of charge to protect not only you but also your family members and other people you live with. In addition, some vaccinations, such as the Tetanus one, are necessary to be able to perform several jobs, as you cannot be employed in their absence.

The sheet called "*Recommended vaccinations for adults*" will include all the information. On that day, you will in any event be able to pose further questions and request information.

Still on this occasion, some **blood tests** will be prescribed to you to exclude that you are suffering from serious liver diseases, such as Hepatitis B and C, and from a very severe immune system deficiency, HIV infection. They are diseases whose symptoms can appear after a long time, but discovering and treating them will reduce complications. In the following days, the contact person at your Extraordinary Reception Centre (CAS) will accompany you to the blood sampling point to perform the tests.

Third and subsequent access

To **assess the results of the blood tests** you have undergone and **complete the vaccinations**, which in some cases must be repeated several times, you will have to visit the Public Hygiene clinics again. The dates will initially be agreed with the contact person at the Extraordinary Reception Centre, and when you have acquired greater autonomy (you will speak better Italian, you will be a health cardholder), you will be able to book the subsequent appointments yourself.

Remember that all this is offered to you free of charge by the Italian State to protect your health and that of the people close to you (family members and others living with you).