

Radiology Department – Ultrasound Patient Information Sheet

Welcome

Your GP has referred you for an Ultrasound scan at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. **We will contact you to** make an appointment for your Ultrasound, we may call or send you a letter in the post. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date at your GP Surgery.

It is very important that you attend for your scan appointment or contact the department if you cannot come on the date or time arranged.

You will be offered an appointment at one of these sites:

Queen's Medical Centre (QMC)

Ultrasound Department, B Floor, West Block, QMC, Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2UH

City Hospital

Ultrasound Department, Physiotherapy Corridor, City Hospital, Hucknall Road, Nottingham NG5 1PB

Treatment Centre

Gateway C, Derby Road, Nottingham NG7 2UH

If you have not received an appointment letter in the post four weeks from visiting your GP, please contact the Radiology Department on: **0115 924 9924 ext. 83737 or 85369**

How do we manage your referral for Ultrasound?

When your GP makes a referral for Ultrasound, they will have decided if the request is urgent or routine. Our Sonographers will check the Radiology referral against national clinical guidelines. Occasionally, a GP referral may not be accepted – in those cases we will send an explanation and advice to your GP.

If your referral is accepted you will be placed onto one of our waiting lists.

- Urgent waiting list is within 3 - 4 weeks
- Routine waiting list is currently 8-10 weeks

What should you expect when you come for your appointment?

We aim to keep to appointment times, however occasionally delays may occur and our staff will keep you informed. Depending on your examination, you may be asked to change into a hospital gown.

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What is an Ultrasound scan?

An Ultrasound examination allows images to be produced by using sound waves. Gel is put on the body and a small probe is moved over the skin. Ultrasound is used to examine many parts of the body such as the liver, kidneys, bladder, veins and arteries, testes, muscles and ligaments. It is also used to monitor pregnancy and gynaecological problems.

Ultrasound is extremely safe with no known side effects. After your examination, you are free to go home and resume your daily activities.

How will I receive my US scan results?

After your scan, the Sonographer will report your images. The report will be sent to your GP. Please be aware that that the US department will not be able to give you the report directly.

How do I get to the Hospital?

By public transport

Both QMC and City are easily accessible by bus services and QMC is on the Tram Network.

Medilink – Park and Ride

The Medilink service runs every 10 minutes between 4.50am and 9pm, Monday to Friday. The service links the two main hospital sites and the Wilkinson Street and Queen's Drive park and ride sites. There are additional stops at the junction of Nuthall Road and Crown Island. Information on the Medilink and Park and Ride charges can be found on the Trust website; [Medilink and Park and Ride | NUH](#)

There is a cheaper pay as you go charge for patients and visitors if using pre-paid Robin Hood tickets than paying in cash for each journey. The service is free to any city and county resident concessionary fares (only after 9:30am) and prepaid Robin Hood season pass holders.

Parking

Whilst you can park on site, spaces are limited. If you do choose to drive, please allow extra time for parking. Information on parking and charges can be found on the Trust website;

QMC and the Treatment Centre - [Travel by car and parking | NUH](#)

City Hospital - [Travel by car and parking | NUH](#)