

## **Radiology Guidelines for GPs and External Consultants.**

Updated guidelines and other information are available on the SUH Radiology website.

A safe, high quality and efficient service can only be provided if you check the information on our website regularly, comply with the guidelines and inform new team members.

1. Monitor your referrals and contact us if you are not notified in due course.
2. Despite great care false negative/positive results/reports cannot fully be out ruled. Patient management should always be based on clinical grounds.
3. If you have concerns, suggestions or questions, please always contact Radiology (ph: 071-9174663).
4. It is the referring clinician's responsibility to provide complete and correct information. By sending a request you confirm that you understand and accept the SUH radiology guidelines.
5. Referrals may be returned if they are incomplete, not of adequate quality and clarity, not on the correct form or not compliant with the guidelines.

### **Requesting Imaging Services:**

1. Provide detailed clinical information so that the radiologist can choose the appropriate imaging strategy.
2. Urgent cases must be discussed before referral submission, otherwise they cannot be prioritised.
3. Patients with significant acute clinical problems should be referred to ED or AAU who will arrange for imaging.
4. GPs that refer for imaging which was recommended by a specialist still need to examine the patient and give adequate clinical information. Please attach the specialist's report.

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## Appointments:

**Walk-in** service available Monday to Friday from 9:00-09:30am and 15:00-16:00 for

- a) X-ray of acute injuries
- b) Chest x-rays.

Please note x-rays are not reviewed by consultant radiologist at the time of x-ray. If you feel patient needs result at time of x-ray or requires assessment by doctor please give patient ED referral letter as well.

**-Requests for all other examinations should be posted or e-mailed to for efficient vetting and booking.**

**-DNA policy:** If a patient does not attend or cancels an examination the appointment will be cancelled. A cancellation letter will be sent to the referring clinician.

## Prioritising Requests:

Waiting times vary. For details contact Radiology (ph: 071-9174509).

Your prioritisation may get changed by a radiologist depending on the provided clinical information. Therefore you should always contact Radiology if you have special concerns.

**‘Urgent’**, important/complex cases always must be discussed.

**ASAP:** usually (but not guaranteed) scheduled within 2-4 weeks.

**Routine:** will be booked for the next available routine slot (varies).

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