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RADIATION PROTECTION COMMITTEE

Authorised Referrers for Radiological Examinations to the Imaging Departments of Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

The Ionising Radiation (Medical Exposure) Regulations 2017 state that the Trust must have a procedure to identify individuals entitled to act as authorised referrers for imaging procedures utilising ionising radiation. The following is such a list, together with the procedures which the referrer is authorised to request/excluded from requesting.

<u>For referrals into all imaging departments (excluding the Newcastle Dental Hospital and radiotherapy), the following list should be consulted:</u>

For details of referrers in NCCC, see the NCCC IRMER patient pathway policy

Referrer	Procedures Authorised	
	To Request (see below for referrals into Newcastle Dental Hospital)	
Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Trust Consultants,		
Career Grade Medical Staff .	All	
University Medical Staff with honorary medical		
appointments.	All	
Trust Training Grade Medical Staff .	All	
Newcastle & North Tyneside GPs.	All	
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Other NHS Consultant, GPs, Dentists.	All following discussion	
	with a Trust Practitioner	
Practitioner Associates	None	

For referrals into the Newcastle Dental Hospital, the following list should be consulted:

Consultants / Dentists on the specialist lists:
Oral Surgery, Oral Medicine, Maxillofacial Surgery, ENT, Plastic Surgery:
Plain images, Cone-beam CT¹, Ultrasound, Sialo, Dacro
Ophthalmology:

Cone-beam CT1, Ultrasound, Dacro

Rheumatology:

Cone-beam CT, Ultrasound, Sialo

Orthodontics, Paediatrics, Restorative Dentistry, Endodontics, Prosthodontics, Dental Sedation, Special Care Dentistry:

Plain images, Cone-beam CT1, Ultrasound

¹ CBCT referrals- accepted from consultants/ specialists and those clinicians who have completed at least level 1 CBCT training.

Specialty Registrars, Specialty Dentists and Specialty Doctors:

Plain images, ultrasound and Cone-beam CT (if countersigned by a consultant)

General Dental Practitioners (GDP), Community & Salaried Dentists, NDH Trainee Dentists GPT 1/ GP2 & Dental Core Trainee (DCT) having attained BDS qualification, or equivalent, and full General Dental Council Registration:

Plain images only

Master's program students:

Plain imaging only . They will require a counter signature from their consultant for Cone-beam CT

Dental Students & Dental therapy students are not entitled to refer for Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology unless the request is countersigned.

Other registered health care professionals operating under a protocol agreed by Radiology and the Directorate concerned and authorised by the Trust Clinical Role Development (Non Medical) Group:

Referrer	Examinations Authorised to request
Advanced Critical Care Practitioners	X-Ray
	• CT
	■ MRU
	• US
Ante-Natal Renal Co-ordinator	■ MCUG
(Specialist Obstetric Sonographer)	DMSA
	■ MAG3
	Renal US
Arthroplasty Nurse Specialist	X-rays of:
	■ Hip
	■ Knee
Audiology Technician	■ MRI
Bone Marrow Transplant Nurse Specialist	MUGA and GFR
Breast Care and Reconstruction Nurse	Bone scans
Specialist	 Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy
Breast Clinic Outpatient Nurses (Band 6	 Mammography
and above)	■ Breast US
Cardiology Nurse Specialist	 Myocardial perfusion scan
Cardiothoracic Nurse Specialist	 UNDER REVIEW
Practitioner	MUOA I OED
Chemotherapy Nurse Specialist	MUGA and GFR
Complex Lung Disease Nurse Specialist	 X-ray Chest
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Critical Care Sister	X-rays of:
	• Chest
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	 Upper limb, including shoulder girdle

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Pulmonary Vascular Nurse Specialist	X-rays of:
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Respiratory Nurse (grade E and above)	X-rays of:
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	Lumbar Spine
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	Cervical Spine
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Stroke Nurse Practitioner / Stroke	CT Head (unenhanced)
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	■ Chest
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In order for the Trust to fulfil its obligations under the legislation, a record of those staff acting as non-medical referrers must be maintained. It has been agreed by the Trust's Radiation Protection Committee that responsibility for maintaining this list and communicating it lies with the Referrer's Directorate. Each directorate where there are non-medical referrers must therefore:

- 1. Maintain an up to date list (as given below) of all non-medical staff entitled as referrers along with role, reference to the approved referral protocol, and date of online and optional face-to-face IRMER training. This list must be sent to Clinical Governance and Risk Department (CGARD) for central collation and ratification.
- 2. Ensure that any staff newly appointed to a relevant role undergo the necessary training and have their names added to list and a notification of the additions made to CGARD.
- 3. Ensure that any staff members who leave one of the relevant roles are removed from the list and the change notified to CGARD.
- 4. Follow the established procedures for request of any new non-medical referral protocol.

It should be noted that non-medical staff must be on this referral list in order for their X-ray and nuclear medicine requests to be accepted by imaging departments, and this will be audited by the Trust.

This may not be a comprehensive list as other referrers may be authorised by the Trust between document reviews.

Please note the authorised examinations column only provides an overview of the scope of referral, for the specific elements on each referrer please access the respective Imaging protocol. Imaging protocols approved by RPC and the Clinical Role Development (Non-Medical) Group can be accessed via the link provided below:

 $\underline{http://nuth-intranet/cms/ClinicalDirectorates/Radiology/Radiation/ApprovedNonMedicalReferrers.aspx}$