Information for patients and visitors

Information about your X-Ray Guided Pain Relief Injection

Radiology Department
Diagnostics
Clinical Support Services

This leaflet has been designed to give you important information about your procedure, and to answer some common queries that you may have.
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Introduction

We have received a request from your referring doctor for you to have an x-ray guided pain relief injection.

This leaflet is designed to give you some information about the procedure, to help you prepare for your examination and to give you some idea of what to expect when you attend.

What is an x-ray guided pain relief injection?

This procedure uses x-ray guidance to inject pain killers into the joint for relief of your symptoms in that area.

What does it involve?

A member of staff will ask you to undress and put on a hospital gown.

You will be asked to lie on the x-ray couch and the area will be cleaned before an injection of local anaesthetic is given.

The radiologist will then inject a dye into the joint and once it is in the right place, using x-rays, the pain killer will be injected into the joint.

Women of childbearing age

Please inform us before you attend if there is any chance that you could be pregnant, or are breastfeeding.

Preparation

No special preparation is required before this examination.

If you have allergies, please contact the department before attending.

Who will do the examination?

A radiologist (x-ray doctor) will perform the injection. The images will be taken by a radiographer.

How long will it take?

The whole examination should take no longer than 30 minutes, when you are finished you will be able to go home.

Should I bring somebody with me?

You will not be able to drive following the procedure so it advised you bring someone with you to transport you home.

Please note – we have a limited waiting area, so if you bring more than 1 person, they may not be able to sit with you – they may need to sit in our main waiting room.

What happens next?

The nursing staff will give you a pain diary for you to fill in for the time after the procedure in order for us to know if the treatment is working.

A member of staff will advise you when you can leave the department.

How can you help us?

If you are unable to attend for whatever reason, please inform the department so that your appointment can be offered to another patient.

If you are admitted into hospital please inform the ward staff of this appointment.

Wherever possible we will try to make an appointment at a time that suits you; please note certain procedures can only be done at specific times, but we will do our best to accommodate you where possible.
Benefits and Risks

This type of examination allows the doctors to see inside your body, which will help them diagnose and treat your complaint.

The fluoroscopy equipment uses x-rays to get the pictures. This is a form of radiation similar to what you would have at an airport, or the background radiation you receive from flying. Because it is a higher dose than ordinary x-rays, we try to limit the amount of examinations of this type you will have.

The doctors take this into account when they decide what investigations you need, and you have been sent for this appointment because the doctor feels that it is the best test for you and your condition.

Contact Details

If you have any queries about the examination please contact the radiology department on:

Scunthorpe Radiology – 01724 290194
Grimsby Radiology – 01472 875324

Confidentiality

Information on NHS patients is collected in a variety of ways and for a variety of reasons (e.g. providing care and treatment, managing and planning the NHS, training and educating staff, research etc.).

Everyone working for the NHS has a legal duty to keep information about you confidential. Information will only ever be shared with people who have a genuine need for it (e.g. your GP or other professionals from whom you have been receiving care) or if the law requires it, for example, to notify a birth.

Please be assured however that anyone who receives information from us is also under a legal duty to keep it confidential.

Zero Tolerance - Violent, Threatening and Abusive Behaviour

The Trust and its staff are committed to providing high quality care to patients within the department. However, we wish to advise all patients / visitors that the following inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated:

- Swearing
- Threatening / abusive behaviour
- Verbal / physical abuse

The Trust reserves the right to withdraw from treating patients whom are threatening / abusive / violent and ensuring the removal of those persons from the premises.

All acts of criminal violence and aggression will be notified to the Police immediately.

Alternatively you can email: nlg-tr.PALS@nhs.net
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Risk Management Strategy
The Trust welcomes comments and suggestions from patients and visitors that could help to reduce risk.

Perhaps you have experienced something whilst in hospital, whilst attending as an outpatient or as a visitor and you felt at risk.

Please tell a member of staff on the ward or in the department you are attending / visiting.

Moving & Handling
The Trust operates a Minimal Lifting Policy, which in essence means patients are only ever lifted by nursing staff in an emergency situation.

Patients are always encouraged to help themselves as much as possible when mobilising, and if unable to do so, equipment may be used to assist in their safe transfer.

If you have any questions regarding moving and handling of patients within the Trust, please speak to a member of staff in the ward or department you are visiting.

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