Community Based Ultrasound Scans for Patients

The Deepings practice is proud to have a 20 year experience in providing community based Ultrasound Scanning. Dr Neil Marshall began community Ultrasound Scans in 1992. The Deepings Practice and Peterborough and Stamford NHS Foundation Trust have designed a new community based Ultrasound Scan Service based at The Deepings Practice. We aim to provide continuity of care in a local environment with a high level of expertise by qualified friendly NHS staff thus ensuring your patients receive the very best quality service.

This will give patients in the Market Deeping, Bourne, Stamford, Spalding, Crowland, Corby Glen and Castle Bytham area(s) the added choice of attending for their ultrasound scan in the Deepings GP Practice.

Benefits to Patients

- Aim to provide appointments within 2 weeks of referral
- Free Car Parking
- Friendly practice environment
- Staff who have developed an understanding of community scanning over 20 years at the Deepings Practice
- Scans are immediately saved on the NHS diagnostic archive system
- If patients need to attend the Peterborough Hospital, their scans are automatically available to the specialists on the Peterborough hospital system (and can be transferred to any NHS secondary care site).
- Results will be securely linked back to the requesting GP via the usual local NHS routes

Criteria for referral of patients to Deepings Ultrasound Scan Service

INCLUSION Criteria

- General abdominal – includes assessment of aorta, biliary tract, gallbladder, IVC, kidneys, liver, pancreas, retro peritoneum & spleen
- Gynaecology – including trans abdominal & trans vaginal to give a full assessment of the uterus, endometrium, ovaries and adnexa
- Renal/bladder (Pre & post micturition), prostate including assessment size
- Musculoskeletal
- Where an abdominal aortic aneurysm (AAA) is suspected or there is a strong family history a scan can be performed to assess the aorta. In the presence of a AAA the kidneys will also be examined.
- Ultrasound Testes

EXCLUSIONS Criteria

- Cancer – any patient with suspected cancer should be referred through the 2 week wait referral pathway.
- Ultrasound guided procedures
- Obstetric care
- Breast ultrasound
- Cardiac Imaging
- Chest
- Ophthalmology
- Thyroid
- Superficial masses or lumps in the neck, axilla or groin (although abdominal lumps and bumps/hernia can be referred)
Non NHS Patients

**How to Make a Referral**

Require Help? Call Us on (01733) 678384.

There are a variety of ways to refer in for an ultrasound scan at the Deepings Practice:

**Practices with Anglia ICE:** Referrals will be received electronically via the Sunquest Ice system which is well established in most practices across the area.

**Practices with NO Anglia ICE:** For surgeries that do not have access to Sunquest Ice, referrals can be made via the Trust’s website and the GP-linked pages where there is Radweb (electronic Radiology Referral form), although this will be overtaken by a proforma available on the Choose and Book system to allow indirectly bookable appointments within this system.

*As a fall back, pre-printed radiology referral forms can be faxed to our central booking office on 01780 752316.*