



Your Ultrasound Guided Aspiration Scan

Scanning Department Radiology

Great Western Hospital

If you need to cancel or you have queries or concerns please contact the department on

01793 60 50 49

Opening Hours

Monday - Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm



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What is an Ultrasound scan?

For this scan we use high frequency sound waves. Humans are unable to hear them, but the scanning machine uses them to produce scan images.

Are there any risks involved?

Complications are rare. However, infection or bleeding could be experienced in exceptional circumstances. Our strict guidelines in performing this procedure ensure that this risk is reduced to a minimum.

Do I have to have this scan?

The doctor has requested this scan for you. It is the easiest way to gain the information needed to diagnose your problem.

What do I have to do before I come?

If you take **warfarin** or **clopidogrel** tablets you should notify us as soon as you receive this letter.

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- Do not eat or drink anything for hours before your appointment time.
- Please bring a small overnight bag with you.



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What does it involve?

- The procedure is very quick and easy – it will take approximately 30 minutes
- You will have an injection of local anaesthetic to numb the area, and then a very fine needle is inserted so that the fluid collection can be removed.

What happens after the scan?

- Be prepared to stay in our recovery bay for hours afterwards so that we can make sure you are well enough to go home.
- Be aware that on very rare occasions it may be necessary for you to stay in hospital overnight.
- You should not drive yourself home.
- A friend or relative should accompany you to the hospital and be able to stay with you overnight.
- As a doctor from the hospital sent you, you will receive a letter or follow-up appointment to discuss the results.



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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

This information sheet is available to order in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email gwh.pals@nhs.net

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