



Patient Information

Medical Photography

You have been asked by a health care professional to have clinical photographs taken to provide a visual record of your condition and possibly to record the stages of treatment and progress if necessary. These photographs are confidential and will form part of your health record.

You may be photographed in our studio here in the hospital or in any of the clinics or wards that you may be attending.

During the Surgery it may be necessary to take photographs, you will be asked for your consent before any photographs are taken.

Consent

There are three levels of consent, health record, teaching and publication.

Clinicians are responsible for obtaining informed consent from their patient and must explain the reason why clinical photographs are being requested and how they may be used.

The majority of photographs form part of the patient's health record but sometimes the clinician may ask to use them for teaching. Occasionally they may want to use your photographs in a medical publication but this will not be done without your specific consent.

Should you decide that you don't want the photographs used for teaching or publication then they will be stored in the secure medical imaging database and simply form part of your health record.

During surgery

It may only become evident once your surgery has commenced that photographs are required, in this instance consent will be sought post-operatively.

Storage

All clinical photographs taken within the hospital are digital and will be stored in a secure electronic medical imaging database where only medical staff who have specific permission may view them.



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Having your photographs taken

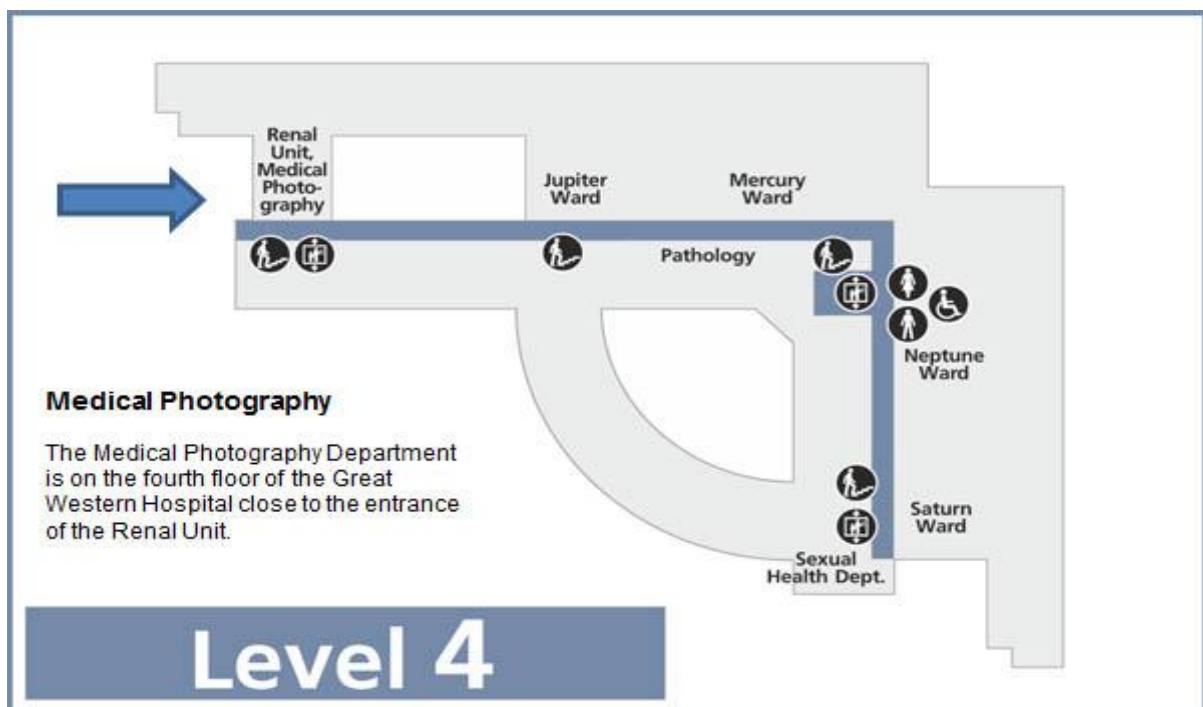
You may find this process unsettling, you are welcome to have a relative or friend with you during your photography session.

In order to obtain the best and most relevant photographs of your condition you may be asked to remove certain items of clothing and/or jewellery, these may be taken with you and put back on when you leave.

Will I have to wait?

If you come to have your photographs taken in our studio you will usually be seen immediately. However, there are occasions when the photographer may have been called elsewhere in the hospital. There will be a notice on the door advising you of this and you may choose to wait until the photographer returns or you may leave your contact details on your request form and place this in the post box on the door. We will ring you to make an appointment, this is typically within 48 hours.

Alternatively please contact us on either of the following phone numbers to arrange an appointment: **01793 604666 or 604667 Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm** (you can also leave an answerphone message).



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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