

### Specialist requesting MRI investigations Pathway

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### Key Amendments

Date	Amendments	Approved by:
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Document extended to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 whilst under review.	Dr J Trevelyan/ Benjamin Thomas
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1. A full history should be taken and documented within the medical notes directly or on assessment form signed and dated
2. Clinical examination should be performed, documented, signed and dated within the medical notes i.e. assessment sheet, clinic letter to referrer.
3. Refer to protocol for indications for MRI/MR Arthrogram examination
4. Discuss request with Consultant Radiologist and /or Consultant within specialist area i.e. Orthopaedics, Spinal and Pain, as necessary.
5. All MRI/MR Arthrogram investigations undertaken will have written reports produced by a Consultant Radiologist under IRMER regulations.
6. Review of any formally reported MRI/MR Arthrogram images will be undertaken either independently or with the support of the radiology or medical staff
7. The ESP is accountable for professional development in maintaining and extending their knowledge relating to:
  - Requesting and reviewing radiological investigations
  - Development of service provision
  - The Royal College of Radiologist Guidelines
  - IRMER regulations
8. Any **Urgent Findings related** to non-musculoskeletal pathology, for example, suggested malignancy, aneurysm, cystic lesions will be urgently reported to the patient's GP (Alexandra Back Pain Assessment Clinic (ABPAC) & Back Pain Clinic (KTC) and/or lead Consultant if the Orthopaedic Physiotherapy Practitioner is working within a Pain and/or Orthopaedic specialty team.