

**Specialist requesting radiographic investigations Pathway**

**Guidelines**

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**Key Amendments**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Amendments</b>	<b>Approved by:</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Document extended to 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2023 whilst under review.	Dr J Trevelyan/ Benjamin Thomas
23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2023	Document extended for another 3 months whilst under review.	Benjamin Thomas
27 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Abbreviation change OPP/S Orthopaedic Physiotherapy Practitioner/Specialist to APP Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioners in line with current role titles</li> <li>2. Point 5: this is now only required for requests within spinal clinics at KTC &amp; Alexandra Hospital Redditch.</li> <li>3. Point 8: inclusion of bullet points, previously omitted.</li> <li>4. Point 9: Correction of bracket location</li> </ol>	
11 <sup>th</sup> August 2023	Feedback from Therapies Clinical Governance Approval group: added point 3 and link to Trust Referrer Protocols	Therapies Clinical Governance Group

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. APPs will formally be IRMER defined non-medical referrers.
4. Refer to protocol WAHT-KD-024 p37 for indications for radiographic examination <http://whitsweb/KeyDocs/KeyDocs/DownloadFile/1980>
5. Discuss request with Consultant Radiologist and /or Consultant within specialist area i.e. Orthopaedics, Spinal and Pain.
6. Radiological examinations undertaken at Kidderminster Treatment Centre and Alexandra Hospital, Redditch, within spinal clinics will have written reports produced by a Consultant Radiologist under IRMER regulations.
7. All other radiological examinations NOT formally reported will be reviewed by a Consultant and/or Specialist Registrar with the APP documenting the findings and reviewer in the medical notes, or corresponding PACS note section.
8. Review of any formally reported x-ray images will be undertaken either independently or with the support of the radiology or medical staff
9. The APP is accountable for professional development in maintaining and extending their knowledge relating to:
  - Requesting & reviewing radiological investigations
  - Development of Service Provision
  - The Royal College of radiologist Guidelines

- IRMER Regulations
10. Any **Urgent Findings** related to non-musculoskeletal pathology, for example, suspected 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 Advanced Physiotherapy Practitioner is working within a Pain and/or Orthopaedic specialty team.