

Patient information

Specialist Early Rectal Cancer Outpatient Endoscopic Ultrasound (EUS)

Digestive Diseases Care Group

Your Consultant or Doctor has advised you to have an EUS (Endoscopic Ultrasound Examination)

What is an EUS?

You may be familiar with an ultrasound scan. A EUS combines an ultrasound scan with a probe/endoscopy so that fine detail of the lining of the gut or of certain internal structures can be examined.

What are the benefits of a EUS?

There are a variety of reasons why EUS may be used. In some circumstances it is more sensitive than other tests such as a CT scan to look at the area of interest in the bowel and may be able to give more information required for planning your care and treatment.

What are the risks of a EUS?

EUS is a very safe procedure. The chance of any complication is minimal. There is less than 1 in 4000 chances of a complication occurring. If they do it may include perforation, bleeding, infection and an incomplete/ unsuccessful procedure.

Are there any alternatives to this procedure?

You may have already had a number of tests to look at your bowel and EUS is another way of getting further information.

What will happen if I don't have this procedure?

Your doctor may not be able to diagnose your problem and therefore will not be able to treat or advise you.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Specialist Nurse or Consultant.

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Further information

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