

Patient information

Why your X-ray for Osteoarthritis has not been Performed Today

Radiology Department - Imaging

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After review of the current NICE Guidelines (CG177 Osteoarthritis) there are now changes in place across the city with regards to the management and imaging of Osteoarthritis (OA). These changes have been developed by Liverpool ICB, NHS England and the Liverpool University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Radiology Departments.

NICE guidance states that plain film X-rays are neither useful nor necessary in the diagnosis of OA. Adults over the age of 45 with activity related joint pain are clinically diagnosed with OA rather than via imaging or investigations.

This is because there is often a poor link between changes visible on an X-ray, MRI or ultrasound scan and the symptoms of OA: minimal changes can be associated with substantial pain, or modest structural changes can occur with minimal symptoms. These changes will in turn reduce the potential harm to you from exposure to radiation from X-rays and costs of unnecessary imaging procedures for us.

We will send a report to your family doctor (GP) explaining why the examination has not been performed.

If you have any further questions, or require further information please contact your GP.

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Your feedback is important to us and helps us influence care in the future.

Following your discharge from hospital or attendance at your outpatient appointment you will receive a text asking if you would recommend our service to others. Please take the time to text back, you will not be charged for the text and can opt out at any point. Your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Further information

If you have any further questions, or require further information please contact your GP.

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