**PATIENT PREPARATION FOR HAVING AN ULTRASOUND**

**Please arrive 15 minutes before your appointment**

Unfortunately we do not have childcare facilities at Highgate Hospital and your child will not be permitted into the scanning room.

**Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Scan**

The duration of these scans is 15-20 Minutes; verbal consent is required to carry out the scan.

There is no preparation prior to the examination.

**Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Guided Injection Scans**

On some occasions the consultant or the radiologist may decide that you will benefit from a steroid injection for pain relief. The duration of these scans is 20-30 minutes; verbal and written consent is required to carry out the scan.

There is no preparation prior to this examination. If you are on any medication please make the receptionist and radiologist aware.

During this examination the radiologist will inject a local anaesthetic and steroid into the specific area.

After the injection you will have to take a seat in the department for 20-30 minutes to make sure you have not hand any reaction to the injection. You will not be able to drive for the remainder of the day after your injection due to the local anaesthetic.

**Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Guided Aspiration Scans**

On some occasions the consultant or radiologist may decide you will benefit from an aspiration of fluid from the joint for pain relief. This may be followed by a steroid injection.

The duration of this scan is 20-30 minutes; verbal and written consent is required to carry out this scan.

There is no preparation prior to this examination. If you are on any medication please make the receptionist and radiologist aware.

After the aspiration/injection you will have to take a seat in the department for 20-30 minutes.

You will not be able to drive for the remainder of the day due to the local anaesthetic.