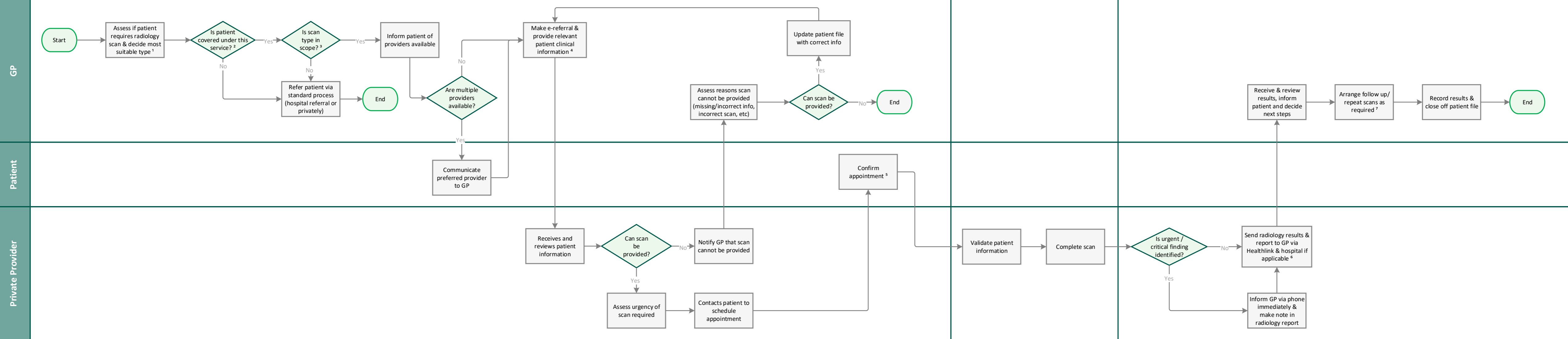


HSE Radiology Diagnostics (X-Ray, CT, MRI, DEXA) – Private Provider Referral Pathway



***Key:**

¹ GPs will shortly be able to the iRefer guidelines to support decision making when referring a patient.

² In January and February 2021, these services will be available to the full adult (16+) population of Ireland as part of the Winter 2020/21 initiative. From 1st March 2021, the services will be available only to adult patients with a medical card or GP visit card. This service is only for patients aged 16+ years visit card and patients who can wait up to one month for an urgent scan and up to 3 months for a non-urgent scan.

³ X-ray, DEXA and a selection of MRI and CT scans are included in scope. Please refer to the FAQ for a list of the specific scan types for MRI and CT. If a scan type is not included in scope, GPs will continue to refer patients via the standard process e.g referral to the local hospital or private provider.

⁴ GPs can make a referral to all private providers (except Global Diagnostics) by submitting an e-referral using the general form on Healthlink. Healthlink can be accessed via the Healthlink web portal or via an accredited practice management software. hse@globaldiagnostics.ie or use the secure 'fax to email' line at 01 5313425. Please refer to the FAQ document for information that GPs must include on the referral.

⁵ If a patient does not attend their scheduled appointment, the private provider will inform the GP and that no further appointment will be scheduled. The GP will need to submit the referral again if the patient still needs the scan.

⁶ On completion of the scan, the private provider must generally send the report to the referring GP via Healthlink within 72 hours. Private providers can share copies of the images with hospitals using BEAM™ Image Exchange solution. If the scan is completed by Global Diagnostics, a CD with your patient's results can be prepared.

⁷ GPs are responsible for arranging any follow up that a patient requires with the relevant provider. In some cases, the patient may need to be referred to a hospital service. GPs must include a note that the patient had a scan with a named provider in the referral so that the hospital knows to request a copy of the images.