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Re: GP Access to Community Diagnostics Scheme

Dear Doctor,

Many thanks for your continued support in delivering the **GP Access to Community Diagnostics** scheme, which gives GPs access to X-ray, CT, MRI and DXA and is available to the full population aged **16 years and over**.

In addition, **GP Access to Community Ultrasound** provides ultrasound to those **aged 16 years and over**, with a **GMS/HAA/GP Visit** card.

Both of these schemes are delivered via approved private providers, a list of which can be found on the GP Diagnostics section of the HSE website, along with all other pertinent scheme information, which I ask that you familiarise yourself with as there are changes, for example, **there are new providers for US, and some providers are no longer providing certain modalities**.

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/2/primarycare/community-healthcare-networks/gp-diagnostics/>

A defined list of examinations per modality covered under both schemes is outlined in Appendix 1. Providers will not accept examinations outside of this list.

Referral to the schemes is made through Healthlink, using the General Referral Form, which you can access via the Healthlink web portal or your accredited Practice Management Software. Please note the following codes on the referral:

1. 'GP Access to Community Diagnostics' for MRI, CT, X-Ray and DXA
2. 'GP Access to Community US' for Ultrasound – please include GMS/GP Visit/HAA card number

If you have any questions or feedback in relation to this communication or service, please do not hesitate to contact community.diagnostics@hse.ie.

Yours sincerely,

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Appendix 1 – Examination Scope

MRI		CT	
MRI Brain	MRI Thoracic Spine to include thoracolumbar	CT Brain	CT Neck
MRI IAMs	MRI Hip	CT Sinus	CT Neck & Thorax
MRI Brain & IAM's	MRI Knee	CT KUB/Renal	CT Brain & Sinus
MRI Pituitary Contrast	MRI Shoulder	CT Thorax	CT Lumbar Spine
MRI Lumbar Spine	MRI Bony Pelvis	CT Abdomen & Pelvis	CT Cervical Spine
MRI Lumbosacral Spine	MRI Pelvis and Hips	CT Abdomen (Liver, Pancreas)	CT Thorax HRCT
MRI SIJ's	MRI Cervical Spine to include cervicothoracic	CT Thorax & Abdomen	

DXA

Bone Densitometry

X-Ray

X-Ray Ankle	X-Ray IOFB	X-Ray Wrist	X-Ray AC Joint
X-Ray Calcaneum	X-Ray Knee	X-Ray Abdomen	X-Ray Toes
X-Ray Cervical Spine	X-Ray KUB	X-Ray Clavicle	X-Ray Fingers
X-Ray Chest/lateral	X-Ray Lumbar Spine	X-Ray Patella	X-Ray Foot
X-Ray Elbow	X-Ray Pelvis	X-Ray Radius and Ulna	X-Ray Hand
X-Ray Facial Bones	X-Ray Pelvis/Hips	X-Ray Scaphoid	X-Ray Hip
X-Ray Femur	X-Ray Shoulder	X-Ray Sinus	X-Ray Thoracic Spine
X-Ray Sternum	X-Ray SIJ	X-Ray Soft Tissue Neck	X-Ray Thumb
X-Ray Humerus	X-Ray Tib/Fib		

Ultrasound

US Neck/Thyroid	US Abdomen	US Abdo renal	US Renal
US Pelvis	US TV	US Pelvis and TV	US Abdo Pelvis
US Testes	US Soft Tissue	US Groin	