



Radiology: Our team

When you come for your scan, you will meet a lot of people who wear different uniforms. This information helps you to distinguish between the different staff members you may meet when you come for your appointment at any of our sites and hopefully understand their role in your care.

Radiographers

A radiographer is a degree-qualified health professionals, who take x-rays, perform CT, MRI, and ultrasound scans. Radiographers work across the Trust in a wide range of different environments, such as our cardiology (heart) unit, interventional suites, through to outpatient clinics or neonatal intensive care.



Radiographers wear maroon tunics with dark navy trousers. Staff working in our theatre and interventional suites are required wear theatre scrubs and will explain their role in the team when introducing themselves to you.

All radiographers must be registered with the Health Care Professions Council (HCPC) before they are allowed to work in the UK.

Sonographers

A sonographer is a radiographer or qualified health care professional trained at postgraduate level to perform ultrasound examinations of the abdomen, female reproductive system, head and neck, vascular and muscular-skeletal conditions, and write a clinical report.



Radiology sonographers wear teal tunics and dark navy trousers.

Mammographers

A mammographer is a radiographer trained at postgraduate level to perform mammographic (breast) examinations.

Mammographers wear white tunics with maroon piping and dark navy or maroon trousers.



Radiologists

A radiologist is a doctor who is specially trained to interpret diagnostic images such as x-rays, MRI and CT scans. If you have an interventional procedure (a scan where a treatment or procedure is carried out as the same time – such as an angiogram or biopsy) a radiologist will perform the procedure. Sometimes, ultrasound scans may be performed by a radiologist. Radiologists provide a written report of the results of your examination.

In our Radiology Department, we have a team of approximately 26 consultant radiologists and a small number of specialist registrars. Radiologists do not wear a uniform, unless they are working in the interventional suites where they wear different coloured theatre scrubs.

Radiology nurse and health care (HCA) assistants

A nurse's role has always been to care for the patient and to act as the patient's advocate and this is no different in Radiology. Our nurses are trained in a wide range of skills specific to x-ray and vascular access (introducing or removing catheters/lines in the bloodstream). As part of the intervention team, they will often assist radiologists with specialist procedures or provide post-procedure care in our recovery suite.

Radiology nurses wear dark and light blue tunics.



Staff Nurse



Sister



Matron

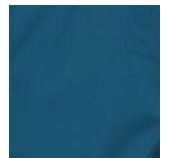
HCAs work under the guidance of a healthcare professional, in this case the radiology nursing team. They assist washing and dressing patients, monitor patients' conditions by taking temperatures, pulse, respirations and weight, and help people to move around, and generally making patients feel as comfortable as possible.



Health care assistants wear dark purple tunics

Radiology department assistant (RDA)

The role of the HCA and RDA is to support radiologists, radiographers and nurses, and to help patients. They may get you ready for your examination, for example getting you changed into a gown, giving you a drink before a CT scan or helping you to complete a questionnaire before your MRI scan.



In our Radiology Department, we have a team of approximately 20 HCAs and RDAs.

RDAs wear Caribbean blue

Assistant practitioners and apprentice radiographers

Assistant practitioners are skilled individuals who have formal training in diagnostic imaging and will often perform your x-ray/scans. They are not radiographers, as they do not hold a professional registration with the HCPC, so radiographers supervise some aspects of their work.



Apprentice radiographers are employees of the department who are enrolled in a degree programme at university to become a radiographer. They will perform many x-rays/scans with varying levels of supervision, dependant on their stage of training.

Assistant practitioners and apprentice radiographers wear brown scrub tunics.

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Student radiographers

Student radiographers are enrolled on a degree programme at university to become a radiographer. They are not Trust employees but we support their practical placements, designed to develop the skills needed to be a radiographer. If a student is performing your x-ray/scan they will be under a suitable level of supervision, dependant on their level of training.



We currently support students enrolled with the University of Hertfordshire. Students wear white tunics with a green piping

Administration and clerical team

These are usually the first point of contact with the department for patients, the hospital medical staff and general practitioners (GPs). The team plays an essential role, ensuring our patients receive their correct examination, in the right place at the right time. They assist both patients and clinical staff navigate complex care pathways.

Our picture archiving and communication system (PACS) team maintain our picture archiving systems, ensuring that patient records are up to date and accurate with your imaging results. When you arrive in the department, a member of the administration and clerical team will greet you at one of our reception areas. They will check that we have all your details and that they are correct, before booking you onto our computer system.

Finally...

If, during your hospital visit, you are unsure who any member of staff is or what their role is, please ask – they will be happy to explain. You can also find out more about the department and access a list of our leaflets on the Trust website. Visit <https://www.royalberkshire.nhs.uk/our-services/radiology/>

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