

**Referral Criteria for GP Access for Scrotal Ultrasound
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Direct access from general practice for scrotal ultrasound will be available at King's Mill and Newark Hospitals.

Criteria for referral is as follows:

- The main indication being for any scrotal or inguinoscrotal masses that cannot be clearly separated from the testes on clinical examination.
- Definite tumours related to the testes should be referred directly to the urology department without prior imaging. If the mass is clearly separate from the testes, ultrasound is not normally indicated.
- Scans for other indications e.g. scrotal pain, possible varicocele and epididymal orchitis will be considered, but in most cases urological referral will be more appropriate.
- Cases of suspected torsion should be referred urgently for an urological opinion.
- All cases should be referred with adequate clinical information indicating clinical findings, duration of symptoms, the provisional diagnosis and degree of urgency.

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