

Radiotherapy CT planning scan

All the information that you need to know about your planning scan is in the booklet that you were given by the doctor. If you would like another booklet or need further assistance, please ask the radiographers.

Before the scan a radiographer will explain what will happen during the scan. They will also go through the information listed below. If you have any questions about your scan, please ask the radiographer.

The CT scan

For the scan you will be asked to lie on the scanner bed and the radiographers will move you into the correct position. As the bed moves slowly through the scanner, you will need to lie still and breathe normally. The scan is very quick and you will not feel anything. The radiographers will leave the room but will be watching you all the time.

Permanent marks

After the scan the radiographers will take some measurements and make some small permanent marks on your skin.

Identification

It is Trust policy that each time you are treated we ask you for three forms of identification such as your name, address and date of birth. You will also have a photograph taken of your face for identification purposes.

Pregnancy status

Female patients aged between 12 and 60 years will be asked to confirm that they are not pregnant.

Consent

The radiographer will confirm that you consent to treatment and you will be offered a copy of the consent form.

Dressing gown

We will supply a dressing gown for your CT planning scan, but you will need to bring your own dressing gown to change into when you come for your treatment appointment.

Appointment times

All treatment appointments are booked by the radiotherapy bookings team. If you have any questions about your appointments please contact them directly on **020 7188 3160** (this number is on the appointment card). The radiographers are unable to deal with any appointment queries.

Travel fares if you are able to claim back your fares or congestion charge please ask at radiotherapy reception.

Transport if you need hospital transport, please phone the hospital transport team on **020 7188 2888**. The radiographers are not able to arrange this for you.

Contact us

If you have any questions or concerns, please ask one of the radiographers.

Guy's and St Thomas' hospitals offer a range of cancer-related information leaflets for patients and carers, available at www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/cancer-leaflets. For information leaflets on other conditions, procedures, treatments and services offered at our hospitals, please visit www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/leaflets



Dimbleby Cancer Care provides cancer support services for Guy's and St Thomas'. We have a drop-in information area staffed by specialist nurses and offer complementary therapies, psychological support and benefits advice for patients and carers.

Dimbleby Cancer Care is located in the Welcome Village of the Cancer Centre at Guy's. **t:** 020 7188 5918 **e:** DimblebyCancerCare@gstt.nhs.uk

Pharmacy Medicines Helpline

If you have any questions or concerns about your medicines, please speak to the clinical nurse specialist or other member of staff caring for you or call our helpline.

t: 020 7188 8748 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday

Your comments and concerns

For advice, support or to raise a concern, contact our Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS). To make a complaint, contact the complaints department.

t: 020 7188 8801 (PALS) **e:** pals@gstt.nhs.uk

t: 020 7188 3514 (complaints) **e:** complaints2@gstt.nhs.uk

Language and Accessible Support Services

If you need an interpreter or information about your care in a different language or format, please get in touch:

t: 020 7188 8815 **e:** languagesupport@gstt.nhs.uk

NHS 111

Offers medical help and advice from fully trained advisers supported by experienced nurses and paramedics. Available over the phone 24 hours a day.

t: 111

NHS Choices

Provides online information and guidance on all aspects of health and healthcare, to help you make choices about your health.

w: www.nhs.uk

Get involved and have your say: become a member of the Trust

Members of Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust contribute to the organisation on a voluntary basis. We count on them for feedback, local knowledge and support. Membership is free and it is up to you how much you get involved. To find out more, and to become a member:

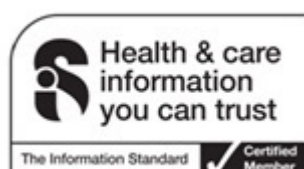
t: 0800 731 0319 **e:** members@gstt.nhs.uk **w:** www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/membership

Leaflet number: 3067/VER4

Date published: October 2016

Review date: March 2019

© 2016 Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust



Guy's and St Thomas' 
NHS Foundation Trust