

Infection control statement

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET



This information is provided to assist patients.

If you have any further questions, speak with any of our staff or contact us at the Clinic where your examination was conducted.

Infection control

The health of our patients, visitors and staff is of primary concern to Benson Radiology. As such we take all necessary precautions to prevent, control and manage the risk of infection.

Benson Radiology uses a range of key measures to reduce the risk of infection. These include:

- > staff washing hands with soap and using alcohol based hand rubs
- > maintaining a clean environment
- > wearing personal protective equipment such as gloves, gowns and masks
- > isolating people who have an infective illness
- > using aseptic technique during procedures
- > using disposable, single use gloves, catheters, needles and syringes
- > thorough cleaning, disinfection and sterilisation of reusable medical equipment
- > appropriate handling and disposal of waste

We strictly adhere to standard precautions and follow currently accepted infection control guideline practices and procedures based on state and federal guidelines and standards.

Our staff strive to provide the best possible care. Although the risk of obtaining an infection in the radiological department is very small sometimes an infection may occur. Possible indications of this are prolonged symptoms of warmth, pain, swelling or redness particularly in treated areas following an invasive procedure.

If you believe you have developed an infection from a radiological procedure please contact your GP as soon as possible to discuss your symptoms. Please also let us know so we may review our processes and make improvements where appropriate.

What can you do to help?

The best way to prevent passing on infections is to wash your hands carefully with soap and water or use an alcohol based hand rub.

Please cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with a tissue (or into your elbow if you don't have one) and clean your hands afterwards. If you are unwell sitting in a separate area away from other patients may be helpful.

Please let us know, preferably in advance, if you have any antibiotic resistant infections such as MRSA, VRE and C.difficile as additional based precautions are required.

This will allow us to coordinate your appointment to limit exposure to other patients and allocate time to clean our examination rooms to prevent spread of infection.