

Important information for you and your patients

Roscommon University Hospital

Injury Unit and GP Walk in Service

Please note the following in relation to the **GP WALK-IN RADIOLOGY SERVICE & THE INJURY UNIT** so as to provide the safest care for your patients especially in relation to rib, facial and coccyx injuries. We are keen to ensure we have the right patient in the right place every time.

Radiology GP Walk in Service

Mon – Fri 10am – 12pm & 2pm – 4pm

GP Walk in (For routine **NON INJURY** referrals)

- ✓ All non-trauma and chronic conditions older than 6 weeks e.g. OA hips, non-trauma back pain, chronic respiratory for adults and children.

Minor Injuries Unit

8am– 8pm, 7 days & Age 5 years +

MINOR INJURIES UNIT – SEE full list in leaflet

- ✓ Suspected broken bones: legs from knee to toes & arms from clavicle to fingers, sprains and strains
- ✓ Minor head injury (no LOC, no vomiting, no dizziness, no anti platelets, no anti-coagulants)
- ✓ Nasal injuries (for ENT pathway) – not for x-ray
- ✓ Burns, scalds, cysts, soft tissue infections, foreign body

DO NOT SEND to Radiology GP walk in service

(send to Emergency Department as appropriate)

If in doubt ring 0906632261 to check

- ✗ Any suspected injury within the last 6 weeks.
- ✗ Pelvis/hip/spinal injuries
- ✗ Trauma requiring chest x-ray – patients with minor chest trauma rarely require imaging. A simple rib fracture does not usually alter management but if a complication such as pneumothorax or infection is suspected then send to ED for imaging.
- ✗ Nasal fracture – X-rays are unreliable in diagnosis of uncomplicated nasal fractures and even when confirmed do not normally affect management as per iRefer guidelines. However, if you send to Injuries Unit we can refer into ENT. Clearly, If serious –send to ED for ENT/maxillofacial assessment & decision on X-ray/CT
- ✗ Coccyx – X-ray not indicated as per iRefer guidelines. Normal appearances are often misleading and findings do not affect management. CT would only be needed for serious injury. Radiation dose with X-ray or CT is significant.

DO NOT SEND to RUH Injuries Unit (send to

Emergency Department as appropriate)

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- ✗ Any suspected **serious** injury.
- ✗ Pelvis/hip/spinal injuries.
- ✗ Inability to walk following a fall from a height.
- ✗ Following a Road Traffic Accident.
- ✗ Neck pain/Back pain.
- ✗ Injury causing chest pain, abdominal pain or shortness of breath.
- ✗ Rib injuries.

