

Risk Assessment - Clinics

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Company name: Peninsula Ultrasound

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What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	Do you need to do anything else to control this risk?	Action by who?	Action by when?	Done
Slips and trips	Staff and visitors may be injured if they trip over objects or slip on spillages.	General good housekeeping is carried out. All areas well lit, including stairs. No trailing leads or cables. Staff keep clinic areas clear and uncluttered allowing safe access to couch. Machines are set up and ready prior to patient entering the clinic room.		All staff, ME to monitor		
Manual handling of portable ultrasound machine	Staff risk injuries or back pain from handling mobile scanning units.	Machine is contained in a bag on wheels to reduce the need for lifting. Machine is of a size (cabin luggage) that is appropriate to be lifted and carried by one person including upstairs.	Staff to report any changes to physical capacity which might make them more likely to sustain an injury while handling the machine.	All staff, ME to monitor		
Injury to patient or staff during access to the couch	Patient risks injury while climbing on to the couch. Staff injury in supporting a patient to access the couch.	Rise and fall couches are used in all clinic rooms with the weight restriction being adhered to. Staff report any near misses or incidents that may result in injury to either party to management team in order for practice to be reviewed. Referral form gives information on additional mobility needs that patients may have and forms where 'mobility needs' are ticked, are returned to referral team for forwarding to the hospital where hoists are available.		All staff, ME to monitor		

<p>Breach of patient confidentiality</p>	<p>Staff and patients, company reputation</p>	<p>Patient files are routinely closed between appointments with both the sonographer and clinical assistant responsible for ensuring this action takes place. Patient DOB and full name checked prior to commencement of scan.</p> <p>Secure computer systems are in place and the NHS policy and procedure for using IT equipment is followed i.e. keycard system and the appointment results are returned to the appropriate surgery directly via Soliton minimising the transfer of information and subsequently the risk of a breach.</p>		<p>All staff, ME to monitor</p>		
<p>Infection Control</p>	<p>Staff and patients</p>	<p>Washing hands before and after scan is standard procedure.</p> <p>Sufficient couch roll is available in clinic rooms and is always changed and disposed of after each scan. Couch and probe cleaned with appropriate cleaning materials after each scan.</p> <p>Clinic rooms are cleaned daily by clinical assistants and daily/weekly as required by professional cleaning staff.</p> <p>Individual ultrasound gel bottles are used in clinics to prevent contamination</p> <p>Also see specific COVID-19 Infection Control Risk Assessment</p>	<p>Individual US gel bottles ordered from 15.11.2021</p>	<p>All staff, ME to monitor</p>		
<p>Inadequate care of patients</p>	<p>Patients, staff could be subjected to harsh treatment, company reputation</p>	<p>Patient DOB and full name checked prior to commencement of scan including confirmation of reason for scan.</p> <p>Clear instructions are given regarding steps involved in scan in order to reassure patient.</p> <p>Modesty and dignity is maintained as door is always closed during appointments, privacy curtain is in place and adequate time is given to patients for changing and readying themselves before and after the scan.</p> <p>Two members of staff are available in clinics to ensure appropriate support for any patients who may experience distress.</p> <p>Clear instructions for next steps i.e. GP appointment are given and the surgery is informed if the patient might require further support. All details are recorded on Soliton.</p>		<p>All staff, ME to monitor, through patient feedback</p>		