

# Technician Imaging (Workup) Clinic

## TECHNICIAN-LED

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## For Further Information

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International Glaucoma Association

[www.glaucoma-association.com](http://www.glaucoma-association.com)

RNIB

[www.rnib.org.uk/eye-health/eye-condition/glaucoma](http://www.rnib.org.uk/eye-health/eye-condition/glaucoma)

**\*\*\*YOU MUST NOT DRIVE TO THESE APPOINTMENTS AS  
EYE DROPS WILL BE USED**

**\*\*\*Please bring an updated list of your current Medication**

## What is a technician-led imaging (work-up) clinic?

- It is a service where you will have tests and images (pictures) taken by an Ophthalmic technician. These images will include: visual fields, Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) images and coloured photographs of the back of your eye. The intraocular pressure (IOP) will also be measured. We aim for your clinic appointment to last approximately 50-60 minutes.

## Who attends this clinic?

Patients with:

- Possible or known raised eye pressure
- Possible or known glaucoma
- Patients who need screening due to the use of certain medications

## Will I see a doctor today, after the images (pictures) are taken?

- No
- Your images will be reviewed by a Doctor within 1-2 weeks. A letter informing you of the results will be sent following this review.
- The letter will be one of the following outcomes.
  - ◊ Discharged from the clinic if there is no evidence that you have glaucoma
  - ◊ Follow-up appointment in 4-6 months or longer, if your condition is stable. Your follow-up will be a revisit to the technician-led imaging (work-up) clinic. This will be decided by the reviewing doctor.
  - ◊ If progression is noted on the imaging, you may need to pick up a change in your glaucoma eye drops from your GP. This will be stated in the letter which you need to take to your GP who will then issue the new eye drops.
  - ◊ If significant progression is observed on your images, you will receive an appointment to be seen face to face in the eye clinic by a doctor.

## Patient Benefits

- The clinic is set up so that all the tests required are completed at one appointment, stopping the need for multiple appointments and reducing the waiting time in the eye department.
- Overall eye condition continues to be medically managed by the Ophthalmologist.

## Why the change?

- This is a nation-wide service redesign which has been successfully implemented in many other eye units in the United Kingdom. We wish to follow this best practice.
- Failure to attend could result in you being discharged from our Ophthalmology service, resulting in you having no effective monitoring of your ongoing eye condition. This may have negative long term visual implications.
- Please plan to attend this and any other appointments you have in the eye department.

## Is this a cost cutting service?

- No

It is about working smarter, making our resources go further and dealing with an increasing population