FibroScan® (Ultrasound Elastography)

This is a non-invasive scan of your liver using ultrasonic waves. The scan measures if there is any fibrosis (scarring) or steatosis (fatty change) within your liver. Along with any other investigations, these measurements will be used to measure the health of your liver. This scan will take place during your first face-to-face appointment with a clinician.

**IMPORTANT**: To obtain good results, please **do not eat or drink for 2-3 hours** before coming to your appointment. If you need to, you can take small sips of water or clear fluids but avoid drinking large amounts of fluid.

Ultrasound Scan

This is a quick and safe test that uses ultrasonic waves to create a picture of organs within the body.

You will be contacted directly by the Radiology Department with an appointment for this examination within four weeks.If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the ultrasound scan itself, please call the **Radiology Department** on **020 8725 1776/3037**.

CEUS (Contrast-enhanced Ultrasound) Scan

This is a quick and safe test that uses ultrasonic waves to create a picture of organs within the body, and involves an injection, via a small needle, of tiny bubbles (which are seen very well with ultrasound) to look at the blood supply to a particular organ or structure.

You will be contacted directly by the Radiology Department with an appointment for this examination within four weeks. **If you have any allergy to the contrast, please contact us using the phone numbers at the top of this letter as you may not be able to have the test.** If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the CEUS itself, please call the **Radiology Department** on **020 8725 1776/3037**.

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Scan

This scan uses strong magnetic fields and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

You will be contacted directly by the Radiology Department with an appointment for this examination. **If you are pregnant or breast feeding, have any allergies, have kidney problems, or have any metal implants (e.g. pacemaker, defibrillator, ICD, shunt), please contact us using the phone numbers at the top of this letter as you may not be able to have the test. Also, if you struggle with claustrophobia (irrational fear of confined spaces), please contact us to discuss the scan,** If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the MRI itself, please call the **MRI department** on **020 8725 2933/3027.**

MRCP (Magnetic Resonance Cholangiopancreatographic) Scan

This is a special type of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan that takes pictures of the gall bladder, bile ducts, and pancreatic duct. An MRI scan uses strong magnetic fields and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the body.

You will be contacted directly by the Radiology Department with an appointment for this examination. **If you are pregnant or breast feeding, have any allergies, have kidney problems, or have any metal implants (e.g. pacemaker, defibrillator, ICD, shunt), please contact us using the phone numbers at the top of this letter as you may not be able to have the test.** **Also, if you struggle with claustrophobia (irrational fear of confined spaces), please contact us to discuss the scan.** If you have any questions or concerns about the scan which you would like to discuss, please call the **MRI Unit** on **020 8725 2933**.

CT (Computerised Tomography) Scan

This is a quick and safe test that involves x-rays and a computer to create detailed images of the inside of the body.

You will be contacted directly by the Radiology Department with an appointment for this examination. **If you are pregnant or breast feeding, have any allergies, or have kidney problems, please contact us using the phone numbers at the top of this letter as you may not be able to have the test.** If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the CT itself, please call the **Radiology Department** on **020 8725 1776**.

EUS (Endoscopic Ultrasound) Scan

An endoscope (flexible camera) is used to pass an ultrasound sensor into the stomach, using ultrasonic waves to create a picture of the organs surrounding the stomach.

You will also be sent more detailed information from the Endoscopy Department regarding this procedure. **If you pregnant or breastfeeding, are allergic to latex, are diabetic, are**If **you are taking antithrombotic**, **have kidney problems, or have any metal implants (e.g. pacemaker, defibrillator, ICD, shunt), please contact us using the phone numbers at the top of this letter as you may not be able to have the test.** If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the EUS itself; or if you have not been contacted within 4 weeks of the date printed on this letter, please call the **Endoscopy Unit** on **020 8725 1913**.

ERCP (Endoscopic Retrograde Cholangio-pancreatogram)

This investigation uses an endoscope (flexible camera) and x-rays to examine and/or treat conditions of the biliary system (liver, gall bladder, pancreas, pancreatic and bile ducts); for example, examine for gallstones, insert a stent (small tube) to allow drainage of bile into the intestines etc.

You will also be sent more detailed information from the Endoscopy Department regarding this procedure. If you have any questions or concerns which you would like to discuss about the ERCP itself; or if you have not been contacted within 4 weeks of the date printed on this letter, please call the **Endoscopy Unit** on **020 8725 1913**.

If you have any additional questions or queries, please call **020 8725 3879**. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail with your name, date of birth and patient number/MRN (you can find this at the top right-hand side of the letter in bold) with any further information, and you will receive a call back.