

As part of improving and harmonising GP direct access to diagnostic imaging in NWL access to low dose unenhanced CTKUB to manage renal stone disease in primary care will be available to all GPs from week commencing **02/06/2025**. The new London pathway was created with colleagues from primary care, urology and radiology in NWL, with the endorsement of Alihusein Dhankot Primary Care Urology lead, Harmeet Chana Chair NWL Imaging Network CT group, Monica Whittle, Co-Clinical lead NWL Imaging network. The NWL Stones including renal colic pathway has been updated within the urology referral guidelines [Urology :: North West London ICS](#).

The expectation is that CTKUB will be requested in preference to renal tract US for patients with symptoms suggesting stones and haematuria and be part of the work up when referring to urology outpatients for non-acute patients. For patients without haematuria US remains the recommended investigation. This will increase the number of CTKUB performed but will reduce US requests. Requests will be aligned with the primary care urgent category to be performed and reported within 4 weeks. Renal stones or any incidental actionable findings will be alerted to the referrer.

In addition, updates have been made to NWL ultrasound guidance. This information will be made available on the ICB website and to ICE pages when requesting imaging, ensuring that referring clinicians will have the most up to date information.