



## GP guide for imaging patients with scrotal/testicular signs and symptoms

Ultrasound is the first-choice investigation for a range of clinical conditions, including:

- Pain
- Swelling
- Masses

Where possible the GP should examine the patient before referring for a scan.

### Referral Guidelines

Presenting Complaint	Imaging Guidance
<b>Palpable lump/mass</b>	<p>Any male with a palpable scrotal lump should have an ultrasound scan. Ultrasound is a helpful investigation to distinguish the characteristics and location (extra - or intratesticular) of the lump.</p> <p>An urgent specialist referral will be recommended under the 14 day pathway for any suspicious masses.</p>
<b>Pain or/and swelling</b>	<p>Ultrasound is helpful to distinguish the following: hydrocoele, epididymitis, orchitis, epididymo-orchitis, spermatocele, varicocele and epididymal cyst.</p>

### How do I refer a patient?

To refer a patient for an ultrasound complete one of our referral forms available from our website ([www.inhealthgroup.com](http://www.inhealthgroup.com)).

### References

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