

Who can see my images and test reports once they are stored?

The people who will be able to view your images and test results are the staff in the Radiology Department such as the Radiographer who takes the image and the Radiologist who reports on the examination. The clinical support team that treats you will also have access to your images and test results. They will each need an individual computer password to view your information.

Access to these passwords will be tightly controlled so that only those who need to view your information will be able to see it. You will be asked for your consent to allow your images to be made accessible to Healthcare Professionals within NRH and in other hospitals, in the course of your treatment.



What happens if I move to another hospital for treatment?

As your images and test results will be stored on computer, the healthcare team treating you in the other hospital will be able to view your information, only if NIMIS has been installed in the hospital.

Questions?

If you have any questions about how we store your information or who can see it, please contact the Radiology Department in the hospital that is treating you.



NIMIS
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and what it means for you





What is NIMIS?

The National Integrated Medical Imaging System – NIMIS, for short – is a new, computer-based system for storing and examining medical images. It will be introduced to a large number of public hospitals over the next two years.

How will NIMIS work?

Until now, images from X-rays, CT scans, MRI scans, ultrasound, electrocardiograms (ECGs) and PET scans have been stored in a computer system called IMPAX that only

NRH healthcare staff had access to. In future, these images and the reports based on them will be stored and examined using a system that can be accessed by other hospitals also.



What are the benefits of NIMIS?

- All of your past images will be available in the radiology department, outpatient clinic or hospital ward.
- Fewer repeat exams. All the doctors who treat you will be able to view your images and test results so there will be less need to repeat an X-ray, scan or ECG.

- A shorter waiting time for your examination results.
- Rapid transfer of images among your doctors. If another consultant needs to see your images or test results, he or she will be able to do so quickly and easily.
- Greater security of your personal information. Access to your health information will be strictly controlled.

Where will my information be kept?

Your images and test results will be stored on a secure, central computer system which the Health Service Executive (HSE) will manage and control. The HSE must follow the requirements of the Data Protection Act to protect your information.