

PAUSED and checked for pregnancy and breastfeeding in Nuclear Medicine

<p>P</p>	<p>Patient</p>	<p>Does the patient fall within the risk group identified within local inclusive pregnancy checking procedures?</p> <p>Is the patient currently/planning to start breast/chest feeding?</p>
<p>A</p>	<p>Assess referral</p>	<p>Is there any information to suggest the possibility of pregnancy? Has the patient consented to their gender history being recorded?</p>
<p>U</p>	<p>Use the right environment and language</p>	<p>Do you have a private and psychologically safe environment?</p> <p>Is there a private space for the patient to complete the required form(s) and ask the radiographer any questions?</p> <p>Are staff trained in the use of gender inclusive language?</p>
<p>S</p>	<p>Sharing of information</p>	<p>Confirm patient identification and preferred name and pronouns.</p> <p>Explain why the information about sex registered at birth and pregnancy is important – ‘This procedure/treatment uses ionising radiation, which could be harmful to a pregnancy’. Discuss how this information may be shared and seek consent to do so.</p> <p>Only ask about gender-affirming procedures and variation in sex characteristics if relevant to possibility of pregnancy or breastfeeding.</p> <p>If the patient has a variation in sex characteristics, establish if there is any possibility of pregnancy.</p>
<p>E</p>	<p>Enquire further</p>	<p>Where appropriate, follow local procedures for pregnancy testing.</p> <p>Where appropriate follow local procedures for breast/chest feeding.</p>
<p>D</p>	<p>Data recording</p>	<p>Discuss where and how the information is recorded and ensure the patient has consented to this.</p> <p>Ensure there is a procedure in the event the patient does not consent to the storage or sharing of sex or gender information.</p>

IR(ME)R requires all duty holders to comply with their local Employers procedures. This “pause and check” poster does **not** replace these procedures but represents a shortened summary of the main checks. **You must always adhere to your local procedures.**