


# WHAT IS THE IPS?

The Inclusive Pregnancy Status (IPS) form is given to all patients aged 12–55. Before your imaging appointment, the radiographer will use this form to ask you some important questions about any potential pregnancy.

**Radiotherapy**  
Inclusive Pregnancy Status (IPS) form



Patient identification details: name, date of birth, hospital/NHS number (sticker)

Your clinician has requested radiotherapy treatment that requires an exposure to radiation. As radiographers, it is our professional duty and legal responsibility to ensure that we protect individuals from unnecessary exposures to radiation. This is particularly relevant when considering any potential risk to pregnancy where there is greater risk from the harmful effects of radiation.

As you are **aged between 12 and 55 years old**, please answer the following questions.

1. Which sex were you registered as at birth? Female / Male (circle)

If you are aware that you were born with a physical variation in your sex characteristics (VSC), also known by the terms diverse sex development (DSD) or intersex, please let the radiographer know. This can be discussed privately if you wish.

**Only answer the following if you have answered Female above, and/or have a VSC with the potential of pregnancy:**

2. Are you or might you be pregnant? YES / NO

Write your initials in the boxes below to show that you have read and understood the following statements.

It is important to ensure you do not become pregnant during your radiotherapy treatment. It is your responsibility to inform your doctor/healthcare professional if you are unsure of your pregnancy status or if it changes during your radiotherapy treatment.

Please be aware that you might still be able to become pregnant if taking testosterone or undergoing chemotherapy.

Patient signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Radiographer signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Making enquiries about pregnancy is a legal requirement. With your permission, a copy of this document will be stored electronically with your radiotherapy clinical notes. All your personal data is managed in line with data protection regulations. Please inform a radiographer if you do not consent, or consent to only part of this information being stored. Please note, we might not be able to continue, or it could delay your treatment, if we are unable to confirm your pregnancy status.

## WHY AM I BEING ASKED THIS?

For our radiographers to safely perform the imaging test we need to ensure there is no possibility that you may be pregnant.

It also ensures the doctors reviewing your images are aware of your registered sex at birth, as sometimes this is relevant to your diagnosis.

*Your answers will help us to help you*