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Transporting in-patients via SAS transport for PET and NM appointments

In-patients from other hospitals attending PET or nuclear medicine service for a scan require appropriate transport booked with the Scottish Ambulance Service, SAS. The deadline for booking is 12pm the day prior to the investigation but to avoid capacity issues the transport should be booked with as much notice as possible preferably 48 hours.

If transport has not been arranged in time for the scan, it is usually better to reschedule the scan and make sure appropriate transport is booked. Where emergency transport is required, this must be discussed with the NM/PET department.

Advice for ward staff arranging patient transport:

- SAS must be contacted and PTS booked before 12pm on the day before the investigation and preferably 48 hours prior to travel
- If this has not been done, consider rescheduling to allow for appropriate transport and agree this with the ward ensuring they contact SAS in time
- The ward staff should inform SAS that Patient transport (PTS) is required with an appropriate return time (see table 1 below).
- A&E transport is not usually an appropriate transport except in special instances. Where emergency transport is required, this must be discussed with the NM/PET department prior to booking.

Table 1: Times to be communicated to SAS

Ambulance Return times – dependent on type of scan	
Scan Type	PTS return time
Lung VQ	90 minutes
Bone	4 hours
Renogram – MAG3	2 hours
Renogram - DMSA	4 hours
DatScan	5 hours
Gallbladder	4 hours
Tektrotyd	5 hours
GFR	6 hours
mIBG	6 hours (day 1) - 3 hours (day 2)
Parathyroid	4 hours
DPD - Amyloid	4 hours
HMPAO Brain Perfusion	2 hours
GI Bleed	Up to 6 hours
Heat damaged Red cell	5 hours
White cell (indium)	6 hours (day 1) - 2 hours (day 2)
PET-CT	2.5 hours
Nuclear Cardiology – myocardial perfusion	5 hours

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