

6. What is digitised multimedia?

It is possible to take photographs/videos and electronically convert these into a series of numbers (digitise) which can then be used within a computer to redisplay the image, either as a file for projection or written to a CD Rom.

7. How you can help?

With your consent, we would like to make use of these images:

1. For your hospital records
2. For teaching healthcare professionals
3. For research purposes.
4. For publication in medical journals

You decide the level of consent after discussion with your care

Contact Details

If you have any questions please telephone the RUH Emergency Department on

01225 824000 (day)
01225 825015 (night)

Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust
Combe Park, Bath BA1 3NG
01225 428331 www.ruh.nhs.uk

Please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) if you require this leaflet in a different format, or would like to feedback your experience of the hospital.

Email ruh-tr.PatientAdviceandLiaisonService@nhs.net
or telephone 01225 825656.

Date of publication: April 2017
Ref: RUH EMD/032 v2
© Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust

Medical Photography and Video Recordings



What is Medical Photography?

As part of your clinical care or diagnosis you may be asked for permission to take a photograph or video of you or part of your body. By this method a visual record of your condition can be inserted into your hospital notes for future reference by your clinical care team. These photographs are usually taken by qualified professional photographers from the Department of Medical Illustration but can sometimes be taken by authorised medical staff.

The images will be stored as a photograph in your case notes or as an electronic image on a computer database.

Please note that you do not have to give your consent. If you do not wish a photograph or image to be taken, it will not affect the quality of care you receive in any way.

Before you agree to this you may wish to consider the following points and discuss them with your clinical staff.

1. Why are we asking to take this picture?

To record your condition for your hospital notes.

2. What will the image show?

Parts of your body

3. Will you be recognisable on the photograph or video?

It is difficult to make your image completely anonymous but every effort will be made to protect your rights to confidentiality under the Data Protection Act 1998

4. Who will see the illustrations?

The pictures will be seen by the care team responsible for your treatment and diagnosis and potentially others will depending on the level of consent that you agree to.

Consent Level 1

You consent for these photographs/video recordings to be used for your treatment, diagnosis and medical records only

Consent Level 2

You consent for these photographs/video recordings to be used for your treatment or diagnosis, medical records, for the teaching of healthcare professionals and research purposes.

Consent Level 3

You consent for these photographs/video recordings to be used for publication in clinical journals and textbooks etc. including the **Internet**. (The images may be viewed by the general public as well as medical professionals.)

You will be offered a copy of the consent form. The other copy will be held within your medical record.

5. Where will the illustrations be stored?

The illustrations will be saved on a database in the Department of Medical Illustration or as a photograph in your hospital records.

All information and images are held securely with controlled access to relevant staff only. All images and recordings remain the property of the Royal United Hospital Bath NHS Foundation Trust and are held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.