

## Musculoskeletal ultrasound

Ultrasound is a painless and radiation-free imaging technique used in our department to aid the diagnosis and treatment of rheumatic conditions. As examples, it can help to gain certainty about the presence or absence of inflammation when joints are painful, stiff and/or swollen. It may also help in certain situations to aspirate joint fluid and inject joint areas where previous injections without ultrasound have not helped.

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