



Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA) Screening

In Scotland, all men aged 65 or over are invited to attend AAA screening. The aim of AAA screening is to find aneurysms (bulges in blood vessels) early and monitor or treat them.

Who's at risk?

Aneurysms can happen in all men. However, there's a higher chance if:

- you're aged 65 and over
- you smoke
- you have high cholesterol
- you have high blood pressure
- your brother, sister or parent has had an aneurysm.

AAA Screening - Social Story



- ✓ (1) The AAA appointment will be at your nearest hospital or primary care centre.



- ✓ (2) You will be asked to wait in the waiting area until the nurse is ready to see you.



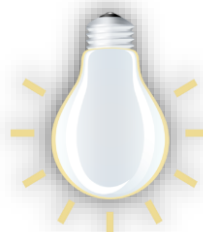
- ✓ (3) The nurse will explain what is going to happen and will ask you some questions.



- ✓ (4) The test will take about 10 minutes.



- ✓ (5) The nurse will ask you to lay on the hospital bed/couch.



- ✓ (6) They will dim the lights so they can see the screen more clearly.



✓ (7) They will ask you lift your top up so they can see your tummy.



✓ (8) They will put some gel on your tummy.



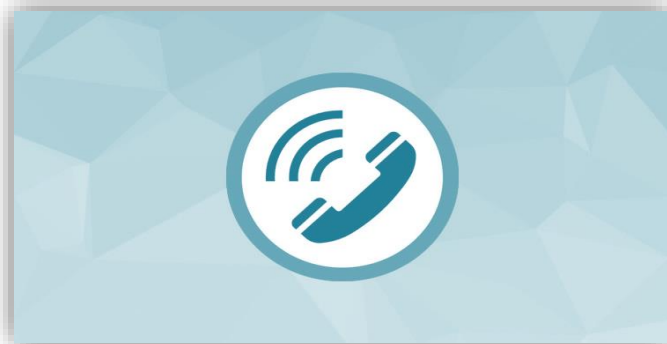
✓ (9) They will then put the camera on your tummy and look at the TV screen.



✓ (10) The nurse will talk to you about what they see.



✓ (11) You and your GP will also be posted a letter with your results.



You can arrange or change an appointment by phoning your local AAA screening centre (for Lothian phone this number 0131 242 3606). You can also let them know that you need an interpreter. If nobody is available to take your call, please leave your name and phone number. They'll get back to you as soon as possible.