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## **INFORMATION FOR SOMATOSENSORY EVOKED POTENTIALS (SSEP)**

### **Directions to the department**

From the concourse go up the stairs/lift and follow the signs to all departments. Continue along the corridor, passing Pharmacy and X-ray until you reach B block lifts. Take a lift to the fourth floor (B4). Proceed along A block corridor, turning right at Clinical Neurophysiology. Map on reverse.

### **About your test**

SSEP tests measure how quickly a nerve is working. Discs are applied to the head and pads are placed on the skin surface of the arms and/or legs. The nerves are then stimulated. This feels like a tapping or tingling sensation.

There are no after effects from the test.

It is important that your hair is clean and free of dressing or other cosmetics. Please wear loose clothing to allow access to ankles, wrists and shoulders. Please do not wear an excessive amount of rings/jewellery as they may have to be removed for the test.

Please continue with your usual medication.

### **What to bring with you**

Please bring a comb with you.

Please bring change for the pay and display parking system. The multi-storey car park is a suitable place to park. Outside the concourse entrance there is a car park for the disabled. During busy periods, please allow additional time for parking.

If you require an ambulance please contact your GP. Several days notice is required.