**Ultrasound examination and ultrasound-guided puncture of the joint**

[ ]  Ultrasound examination of the hip (puncture/injection)

[ ]  Ultrasound examination of the shoulder joint (puncture/injection)

[ ]  Ultrasound examination of the knee joint (puncture)

**Appointment**   .  .20  , at   :

 **Examination place** (crossed)

[ ]  Kainuu Central Hospital

Main entrance F1. The imaging unit is located on the left side of the main lobby.

Registration on the self-service registration in the imaging unit by health insurance card (KELA card) or other official identity card.

We ask you to leave jewels and other valuables at home. Emergency patients may cause changes on your examination schedule

[ ]  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ health center.

Registration in the radiology office.

**Preparation for examination**

No special preparations are required.

**Examination**

The joint will be examined by ultrasound. Some gel will be applied on the skin and radiologist will move the ultrasound probe on the joint. Information from the examination site will be transmitted by sonar principle.

If necessary, a sample can be aspirated from the joint with a fine needle or a drug therapy can be applied in to the joint during the same procedure.

**Post treatment**

If the joint has been examined by ultrasound and no further procedures have been done, no special post treatment is required. However, after a possible intra-articular injection or aspiration, the joint must not be strained for a day and the procedure site must be kept dry for two days.

**Contact**

**If the appointment date is not suitable for you, please contact the unit treating you**

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Fee for missed/non-cancelled appointment for an ultrasound examination can be charged. If you need to cancel the appointment, contact the unit treating you before 12:00 on the day before examination.

For further information about the examination, including patient instructions, please contact the imaging unit.