

Patient Information for MRI Scan

IMPORTANT

Due to the strong magnetic field not everyone is suitable for an MRI scan. If you have any of the following, please contact us on our free-phone number, when you receive your appointment letter: -

- **Heart Pacemaker/ Defibrillator** (Please contact us even if you have previously scanned so we can make sure you are booked in an appropriate slot)
- **Aneurysm clips in the brain**
- **Metal fragments in eyes, head or body**
- **Ear Implant**
- **Implanted Nerve Stimulator**
- **Continuous Glucose Monitor** eg Libre (these can't be worn in the scanner and have to be removed and a new one applied after the scan)
- **If you have had an operation within the last 6weeks**
- **If you think there is a chance of you being pregnant**

On the day of your appointment

PLEASE ARRIVE IN THE MRI DEPARTMENT 15 MINUTES BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME TO ALLOW FOR PREPARATION.

A member of staff will explain the procedure to you and run through a comprehensive safety checklist to ensure you have no metal objects on your person or within your body. Any questions you may have will be answered by a member of staff

*For further information contact
RADIOLOGY Department - 01463 706062*

Preparation Instruction

- Continue with any prescribed medication
- Because of the strong magnetic field, you will be asked to put on a hospital gown. If you prefer your own clothes, a zip less tracksuit or pyjamas can be worn.
- You will be asked to remove any metal objects such as watches, jewellery, keys, coins, credit cards, hair grips etc... You may prefer to leave these objects at home although a locker is available.
- Please do not wear any mascara on the day of your scan. It contains iron which can interfere with the quality of the scan.
- If you have a reveal heart monitor it is advisable to download the data from it at home before attending for your appointment.
- Please make sure you are hydrated as certain MRI protocols require an injection of Contrast

You can expect your scan to take approximately 30-90 minutes. But please note appointment times can sometime be delayed to allow the department to fit in emergencies. The department will work to keep any delays to a minimum

Transport

For assistance on public transport to the hospital please call 0871 200 22 33 To see if you can get help with travel costs telephone 0845 850 11 66 For Ambulance assistance to attend your hospital appointment please call 0300 123 123 6.

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