

Patient Information for MRI Scan of Liver

X-ray Department

Important details about your appointment

On the day of your appointment please attend the X-Ray Department 10 minutes prior to your appointment time and report to the X-Ray Reception desk. You will then be given the directions for the MRI Waiting Area.

Preparation Instructions

- Eat and drink as normal
- Continue with any prescribed medication
- Because of the strong magnetic field, it is important that metal objects do not get too close to the magnet – for this reason we may ask you 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 if required at the hospital.
- 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 wish music to be played during your scan, you may bring a CD of your choice.

On the day of your appointment

Your scan will be in two parts, after the first scan we will ask you to come back for a second scan **1 HOUR LATER, this second scan will only take 10 minutes. You should expect to be in the department for approximately 2 hours.**

For further information contact

RADIOLOGY Department - 01463 706062

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A member of staff will explain the procedure to you and run through a simple 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.

You can expect to be in the department up to 2½ -3 hours

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**

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.

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

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