

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) SCAN

What happens when I arrive in the Department?

Please report to the reception desk, where your personal details will be checked to ensure our records are up to date.

What happens during the scan?

During the scan, you will be asked to lie very still on the couch. The scan will last approximately 30 minutes. While the pictures are being taken you will hear a rapid knocking noise. This is a normal part of the scan and ear protection is available which we would advise you to wear.

We may need to give you a small injection in your arm which will highlight certain areas of your body on the scan pictures.

What happens after the scan?

There are no after effects from the scan, so you can return to your normal activities as soon as the scan is over.

The pictures from the scan are studied by a Radiologist (x-ray doctor) who sends a report to the doctor who requested the scan.



Are there any risks?

As far as is known at present, this is an extremely safe procedure. It does not involve the use of x-rays. You are placed in a very powerful magnetic field, and consequently if you have any small pieces of metal inside your body, you should inform the Radiographer as in some cases you may not be able to have the examination. If you have had a history of metal fragments in your eyes, it is necessary to have an ordinary x-ray to prove there are no pieces remaining. If you have a pacemaker, metal heart valves or a metallic clip on an artery at the base of your brain, then there is a risk that they may move during the MR scan, and a different examination will need to be arranged instead. However, any shrapnel or metal sutures, i.e. stitches that have been in place for a long time may not create a problem.

The injection you may have for this test is generally very safe. However, with every injection of a contrast medium, or dye, there is a risk of reaction. A few people may get a headache, feel nauseous or have injection site coldness. The Doctors and Radiographers in the MRI Department are trained to recognise these reactions and to treat them. For female patients, if you are or might be pregnant you must make sure the staff in the Radiology Department know as soon as possible in advance. MR scans may not be advisable in early pregnancy, unless there are special circumstances.

How do I get my results?

The results will be sent to the doctor who sent you for this examination and you can discuss the report with them when you next visit. An appointment will be sent to you if you came as an outpatient. If your GP sent you, you need to make an appointment to see them about two weeks after the examination.



If you have any questions

If you have any questions about the MRI scan, please ring the Department on 0161 922 6653 between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday or write in the box provided and bring this leaflet with you.

If you have any of the following please contact us on 0161 922 6653 as soon as possible before your scan.

**Heart pacemaker
Aneurysm clips in your head
Any metal implant (joint replacement)
If you have ever had a metal splinter in your eye
You are pregnant**

Source

In compiling this information leaflet, a number of recognised professional and accredited good practice guidelines have been used.



Should you have a visual impairment, this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please ring 0161 922 6653

Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service (LIPS):

If you require an interpreter to assist your appointment, please ask an appropriate family member to contact our central booking office between **Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm** on **0161 922 6991** to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS)

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 **0161 922 6991** 聯絡本中

央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (*Central Booking Office*), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od **08:00 - 17:00** pod numerem **0161 922 6991**.

لیٹگوئج، انٹرپریٹیشن اینڈ پیٹینٹ سپورٹ سروس (لپس)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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