

Having a Magnetic Resonance (MR) scan



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An MR scan uses magnets and radio waves to produce high resolution imaging of the body. As it does not use radiation, the risk from the scan itself is low.

It can be dangerous for people with metal objects/devices in their body to have an MR scan, we will ask you some questions to make sure you are safe before we do the scan.

Appointments will vary in length between 30 minutes to 2 hours.

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1 Before you come for your appointment, please complete the safety questionnaire and hand it in when you arrive.
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2 Please do not wear jewellery when you come for your appointment.
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3 **Please No Children**
There are no childcare facilities. Please do not bring children unless you have another adult with you that can look after them.
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4 When you arrive, we will confirm your identity and you may be asked to put a hospital gown on.
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5 You may need to have a small needle in your hand or arm to insert a small plastic tube (cannula). This is only needed if you need an injection of contrast (MR dye) to make the picture clearer.
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6 You will have to lie down during your scan, either on your back or your front.
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7 MR scans can be very noisy so you will be given headphones or ear plugs to wear.
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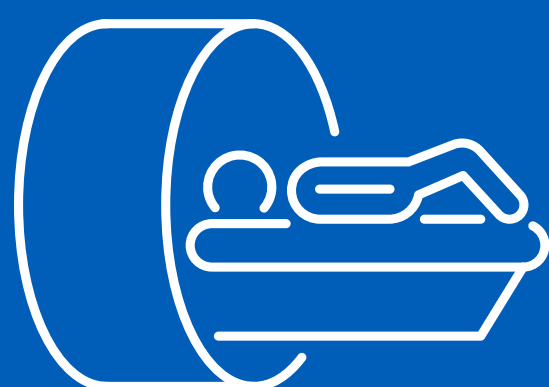
8 When the scan has finished you may be asked to wait in the waiting room for 10 minutes while the images are checked. You will then be able to go home.
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9 The doctor that sent you for your scan will contact you when they have your results.



There is more on the other side

Important information about your scan



Please call us on the appropriate number below, Monday to Friday 8:00 am – 5.00 pm if:

- You have answered yes to any questions in the top box of the safety questionnaire.
- You suffer from claustrophobia.
- You require patient transport.
- You require an interpreter. Please be aware that your family or friends cannot act as an interpreter.
- You are aware that your health care professionals usually have difficulty putting in a cannula or taking blood.

Trafford General Hospital and Altrincham General Hospital (0161) 746 2772 and (0161) 746 2001

Royal Manchester Childrens Hospital (0161) 276 8601 and (0161) 276 6083

Withington Community Hospital and Wythenshawe Hospital (0161) 291 5678

North Manchester General Hospital (0161) 720 2260

Manchester Royal Infirmary (0161) 276 8601 and (0161) 276 6083

