



PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET

MRI SCAN FOR ENDOMETRIOSIS

MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging. It is a type of scan that creates multiple detailed images of the inside of your pelvis, including your womb, ovaries, fallopian tubes and bladder.

WHY DO I NEED AN MRI WHEN I'VE ALREADY HAD AN ULTRASOUND?

Compared to an ultrasound scan, an MRI scan....

- gives more detailed and clear images of the pelvic area.
- is more accurate for diagnosing deep and complex endometriosis.
- helps doctors plan surgery by showing all the affected areas in detail.

HOW LONG WILL I BE WAITING FOR MY MRI APPOINTMENT?

Waiting times may vary but please note this may be up to 4-6 weeks from referral and your appointment could be scheduled at any Manchester Foundation Trusts hospital sites.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING MY MRI APPOINTMENT...

You will be sent a safety questionnaire with your appointment letter which you will need to complete before your scan, a member of staff on the day of your appointment will review this with you. You may be asked to undress or remove items; you will be provided with a hospital gown if required. The Radiographer will ask you to lie down on a bed and stay as still as possible. The bed will then pass through a tube-like structure. It can be noisy and distracting, you will be given headphones or ear plugs to wear. The MRI scan can take up to 30 minutes, you may be in the department up to 1 hour.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT...

Radiology aims to report routine MRI scans within 28 days of your appointment. The report will then be made available to your endometriosis team to review. A member of your endometriosis team will review your MRI report; this usually occurs within a couple of weeks of them receiving it. You will then receive the results via My MFT or, a letter can be sent in the post if you do not use MyMFT.

If you require a face-to-face appointment to further discuss your results this will be arranged and will likely be within 12 weeks. You can contact endometriosis.nurses@mft.nhs.uk if you would like to discuss your results sooner with one of the specialist nurses, a telephone call can be arranged.

If you require any further information or clarification of terminology, please do not hesitate to contact the endometriosis team, who will be happy to discuss your concerns with you.

CONTACT DETAILS



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