

Scan Results

You can bring your own music (CD) to play while you are being scanned. We can also play the radio to you.

The radiographers who carry out your scan cannot give you any results. These will be sent to the Consultant or GP who referred you for the scan.

Once the report of the scan has been received by your consultant, they will send you another appointment to discuss the results.

We wish to provide a high quality service and welcome any comments that would help us to make improvements.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this leaflet please ring the Radiology Appointment Centre on 01205 445845



References

If you require a full list of references for this leaflet please email patient.information@ulh.nhs.uk
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YOUR MRI APPOINTMENT AT PILGRIM HOSPITAL BOSTON

It is important that you read this leaflet **BEFORE** coming for your scan

How to find us

If you come by car please use the main car park on the left as you enter the Hospital.

Enter the hospital through the **main entrance**, bear right through the lift area and follow the signs to the MRI department.

Radiology Appointment Office
01205 445845
www.ulh.nhs.uk

A Magnetic Resonance Scan

MRI uses a powerful magnet and an advanced computer to make clear pictures of the structures inside your body.

How should I prepare for my scan?

Continue with any prescribed medication. If you regularly use an inhaler or medication for chest pain bring this with you in case you need it.

Wear as little jewellery as possible.

You can usually keep your wedding ring on.

Please complete the patient safety questionnaire and bring it with you.

Scans take between 15 and 60 minutes on average. However, please be aware that on occasions, there may be delays caused by ward emergencies.

We are not able to look after unaccompanied children, please bring someone with you to babysit whilst you are being scanned.

If you need glasses for reading then please bring them with you.

On Arrival

On arrival, please take a seat. We monitor our waiting room with CCTV cameras. A member of staff will be with you shortly to explain the procedure and run through a simple safety check to ensure you have no metal on or in your person.

IMPORTANT

Due to the strong magnetic field not everyone is suitable for an MRI scan. Before your appointment please check to see if any of the following apply to you:-

- **Do you have or have you ever had a pacemaker?**
- **Have you EVER had metal fragments in your eye?**
- **Have you had brain or heart surgery?**
- **Have you had any stents inserted into a blood vessel?**
- **Is there any possibility you may be pregnant?**
- **Are you breastfeeding?**

If you have answered YES to any of the above please telephone the MRI unit before your appointment date. Failure to do this might prevent you from having your scan.

About the Scan

You may be asked to change into a hospital gown. The scan procedure is very easy, all you have to do is lie on a comfortable couch and relax. You will not feel any discomfort.

The scanner makes a loud buzzing or knocking noise as it is taking the pictures. The noise of the scanner changes as we take different pictures - this is normal.

Some people may be worried about claustrophobia while being in the scanner but the design of our scanner reduces this and we can stop the scan at any stage. We can also talk to you at all times via headphones.

Sometimes we need to give a small injection of a special dye into a vein in your arm during the scan. This should not affect you, it enhances structures within your body to aid diagnosis.

If you require detailed information concerning the injection which is used it can be given to you when you attend for your scan.

For more information, please see the ULHT website, or ask a member of staff on arrival.