



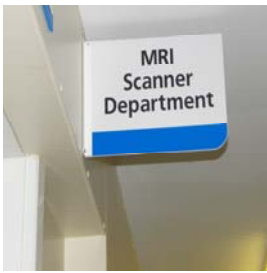
Having a MRI scan

What happens when you are
ill and need a scan



Easy Read Booklet

If you have hurt a part of your body, your doctor may want you to have a MRI scan – this is a photograph of the inside of your body.



When you arrive in the MRI department, the receptionist will ask you for your name and address.



You will ask you to wait in a special area.



You may be asked to get changed into a hospital gown.



When the person who takes special photographs of inside your body is ready for you, they will call you in to the scan room. This person is called a Radiographer.



You will need to take off all of your jewellery, including your watch and to empty your pockets if you are carrying anything metal. This is because the MRI scan machine does not like metal objects and may break.

The nurse will then ask you to lie down on a table.



You will need to lie very still when you have the scan. The table moves through a big tunnel (which is where the camera is).



It does not hurt and nothing touches you but it is very noisy so you will be given some earplugs.

The nurse will be able to talk to you while the scan is happening.

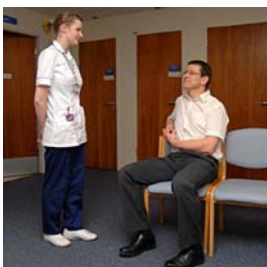


If you are frightened and want to stop, you can press a button to let the nurse know.



The scan will take about 15 to 60 minutes

When the scan is finished you can get up, put your jewellery back.



They will tell you what to do after having your MRI Scan.



You can the leave the hospital



The results of the scan will be looked at by your doctor who will decide what treatment you need, if any.

How to get your results:



- If you were sent to the hospital by your GP, please call them after 5 days and make an appointment to see them.
- If the hospital asked you to have a scan, you will sent an appointment to see the doctor to talk about your scan in a few weeks.



If you or your carer needs help while you are in the hospital, ask one of the nurses.

If you are an adult with learning disabilities, the Acute Learning Disabilities Liaison Nurses can talk to you if you need any help. They can also talk to your carers if they have any questions.

You can telephone Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 5.00pm



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