

Scan Results

The radiographers and doctor who carry out your scan cannot give you any results. These will be sent to the consultant 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 MRI Appointments Centre on: 01476 464880



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Your MRI appointment

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

The Trust endeavours to ensure that the information given here is accurate and impartial.

If you require this information in another language, large print, audio (CD or tape) or braille, please e-mail the Patient Information team at patient.information@ulh.nhs.uk

MRI appointment Office
Telephone: 01476 464880

Office open Monday to Friday
9.00am to 5.00pm

www.ulh.nhs.uk



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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 occasion, 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.

A member of staff will explain the procedure and run through a simple safety check to ensure you have no metal on or in your person.

On arrival

Important

Due to the strong magnetic field not everyone is suitable for an MRI scan.

Before your appointment checks will need to be made to see if any of the following apply:-

- **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?**
- **Do you have or have you ever had a pacemaker?**

If you have answered YES to any of the above please telephone the MRI appointment office **before** your appointment date.

You will 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.

About the Scan

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.

All information in this leaflet recommended by :-
Safety Guidelines for Magnetic Resonance Imaging Equipment In
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