

## What to expect from a MR Angiography

**The information listed below is only a guide; you will be advised of specific details when making your appointment.**

MRA (Magnetic Resonance Angiography) produces detailed cross-sectional images of most parts of the body, using two naturally occurring forces to generate the images – magnetic fields and radio waves. The preparation information listed below is for MRA bilateral legs, aorta, renals, subclavian and carotids.

### **Please follow these steps before coming to your MRA appointment at Allevia Radiology:**

Due to the strong magnetic field of the scanner, some patients may not be able to have an MRA examination. Please contact us directly if you have the following:

- A cardiac pacemaker.
- Cochlear or Stapes implants.
- Metal fragments in the eye.
- Metal clips on blood vessels in the brain.

### **Prior to your appointment**

Continue to take all prescribed medication as usual.

### **On arrival**

1. You should allow 45 minutes for this procedure.
2. Contrast is administered intravenously during your examination to visualise the vessels. The staff will discuss this with you and ask for your consent prior to the scan.

### **After procedure**

1. After the scan, you can resume normal activities.
2. A report of your scan will be sent to your doctor as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding your MRA appointment,  
**please do not hesitate to call us on 09 630 3324 or 0800 497 297.**  
We look forward to seeing you.