

What to expect from an MRI

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

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (or MRI) 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.

Due to the strong magnetic field of the scanner, some patients may not be able to have an MRI 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

1. Continue to take all prescribed medication.

On arrival

1. Allow 30–45 minutes for your examination.
2. You may be given intravenous contrast during your examination to add more detail to the images. If required, the staff will discuss and ask for your consent prior to the examination.

After procedure

1. After the scan, you can resume normal activities.

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