

CAN I HAVE A MRI SCAN?

MRI scanning is very safe if certain conditions are met, however patients with some devices or implants are not safe to enter the magnetic field of the MRI environment.

At the time of booking your appointment, it is important for us to be made aware of any metallic devices or implants that you may have inside your body. It may be necessary for us to obtain further information from your surgeon and the manufacturer of the implant or device.

If you have one of the following, it MAY NOT be safe for you to be scanned:

- Cerebral Aneurysm Clip
- Metal in your eyes
- Artificial Heart Valve
- Infusion Pump
- Stapedectomy
- Cardiac Pacemaker
- Cochlear Implant
- Neurostimulator
- Vascular Stent
- Pregnancy (in the first 3 months)
- Weigh more than 150kg

The vast majority of patients experience no difficulty with a MRI scan, however if you are unable to lay still or suffer from claustrophobia, please inform one of our friendly staff.

WHERE CAN I HAVE A MRI SCAN?

An appointment is required for all MRI scans.

BUNBURY

55 Spencer Street, Bunbury
F: 9721 5385 T: 9320 1288

COCKBURN

Cockburn Health & Community Centre
5 / 11 Wentworth Parade, Success
F: 9499 3597 T: 9320 1288

CURRAMBINE

1 / 1 Hobsons Gate, Currambine
F: 9304 0387 T: 9320 1288

DUNCRAIG

Suites 3-5,
54 Arnisdale Road, Duncraig
F: 9448 0508 T: 9320 1288

HOLLYWOOD PRIVATE HOSPITAL

115 Monash Avenue, Nedlands
F: 9389 8112 T: 9320 1288

KELMSCOTT

2964 Albany Highway, Kelmscott
F: 9495 4117 T: 9320 1288

MANDURAH

160 Pinjarra Road, Mandurah
F: 9534 8502 T: 9320 1288

MURDOCH

St John of God Medical Clinic
100 Murdoch Drive, Murdoch
(ent. off Barry Marshall Parade)
F: 9333 9286 T: 9320 1288

SUBIACO

St John of God Subiaco Hospital
12 Salvado Road, Subiaco
F: 9286 6481 T: 9320 1288

MRI APPOINTMENT BOOKING LINE

PH: 08 9320 1288

YOUR GUIDE TO

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)



WHAT IS MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)?

MRI is an excellent way of imaging the soft tissues of the body utilising only magnetism and radio waves. Very detailed images, or slices of the body are achieved without the use of any x-rays, ultrasound or radio-isotopes.

WHAT PREPARATION IS REQUIRED?

No preparation is usually required, however you may be asked to fast for certain procedures.

Other items to remember:

- Continue to take your regular medications.
- Please do not wear eye makeup.
- Jewellery should not be worn.
- Remember to bring your previous x-rays with you.
- You may choose to bring your favourite CD to listen to whilst in the scanner.
- You may be asked to remove your contact lenses.
- We need to see your referral prior to the day of the scan, to ensure that an appropriate appointment has been scheduled for you.
- Please fax your referral to the department where your booking has been made (fax numbers are available on the back of this leaflet).
- You may be required to have a blood test to check your kidney function before you come in for your scan.

WHAT HAPPENS BEFORE THE SCAN?

When you arrive, you will be required to complete several information forms.

You will be escorted into the MRI area, where you may be asked to change into a gown, remove all metal objects, purse/wallet and watch. A locker is provided for your valuables.

One of our staff will then explain what will happen to you during the examination.

We will discuss with you the most appropriate method of delivering your films and report, based on the date of your follow-up appointment.



WHAT IS THE SCAN LIKE?

You will lie on the examination table. The body area to be scanned will be surrounded by a special antenna and then moved to the centre of the magnet tunnel.

During the scan, you will hear a series of loud knocking and buzzing noises. You will be offered hearing protection for this reason. We will communicate with you regularly during this time.

You may need to have an injection of contrast medium, called Gadolinium. It is injected into a vein to improve the detection of abnormalities in the body. Please let us know if you have a history of kidney disease, as it may be necessary for you to have a blood test prior to your appointment to test your kidney function.

The time the scan takes can vary depending on the area to be scanned. Most scans take around 30 to 45 minutes. Most patients cope with their scan very well.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THE SCAN?

After completion of your scan, you can collect your belongings, dress and report back to the reception. Unless sedation has been administered, you will be able to continue with your day as usual.