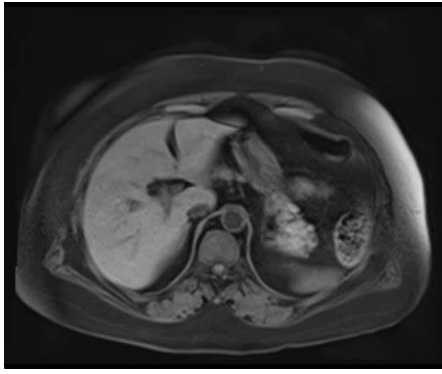


Having a MRI scan





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.



You can have someone with you.



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

Questions



1. What do you think about it?

Good

Bad

Not sure



You will need to fill in a safety questionnaire.

This makes sure it is safe for you to have a MRI scan.



You will be asked you to wait in the waiting room.



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 in case you are carrying anything metal. This is because the MRI scan machine does not like metal objects.

The Radiographer 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).



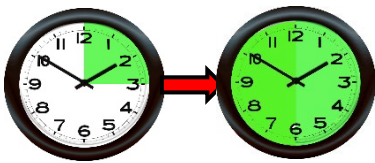
It does not hurt and nothing touches you but it is very noisy so you will be given some MRI headphones.

The staff 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 staff know.

The scan will take about **15 to 60 minutes**



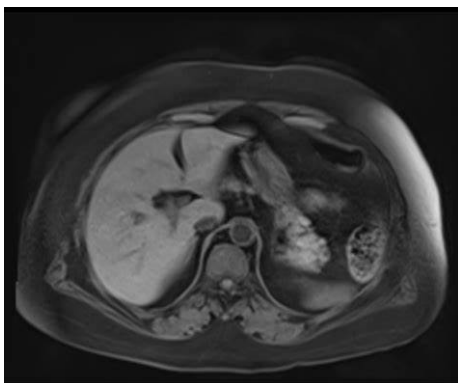
When the scan is finished you can get up, get changed and put your jewellery back on.



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



You can then 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 be sent an appointment to see the doctor to talk about your scan.



If you or the person supporting you needs help while you are in the hospital, please ask a member of staff.

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