

Your MRI scan

Radiology / MRI

For patients referred by the Emergency Department (A&E) or the Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC).

Your doctor has asked for you to have an MRI scan within the next 5 days.

Before booking your appointment, the MRI team will check your details.

The MRI booking team will contact you by phone or text, so please make sure we have your correct phone number.

Your appointment

Please do not come to the MRI department until we confirm your appointment.

Your appointment will be between 7.15am and 4pm. Your scan may take place at:

- Warrington Hospital or
- Halton Hospital Captain Sir Tom Moore Building (CSTM)

When you arrive

Before your scan, we will do a safety check. If you cannot answer the safety questions, we may:

- speak with your next of kin
- ask your doctor

We will:

- check your height and weight
- ask you to remove any metal items you are wearing
- check your clothing for metal
- give you a hospital gown if you need one

Some people need an injection during the scan. This can help us see parts of the body more clearly. If you need an injection, we will talk to you about it before your scan.

About the MRI scanner

The scanner room is bright and cool. There are lights inside the scanner.

All the scanners are 'wide bore' and open at both ends. This means there is more space around you when you lie inside.

The scanner makes loud noises. We will give you ear plugs and headphones to protect your ears.

MRI scanners use a strong magnet to take pictures inside your body. They do not use radiation.

During the scan

- We will help you onto the scanner bed.
- You will need to lie still so the scanner can take clear images.
- You may feel warm during the scan. This is normal.

If one part of your body feels hot, press the call buzzer and tell the radiographer straight away.

Your scan can take between 10 to 45 minutes. Please read the leaflet called 'Having a scan in MRI'.

After your scan

A doctor who specialises in MRI scans will review your scan urgently.

A&E or the SDEC team will talk to you about your results.

Getting to the hospital

Help with transport

If your health makes it hard to travel, you may be able to use non-emergency ambulance transport. If you need transport, please tell the A&E or SDEC team.

Parking and travelling by car

- Both hospital car parks use cameras to read car number plates.
- Patients and visitors must pay for parking before they leave.
- Some people can get cheaper parking.
- You can find full details on the Trust website.

Important

You must not smoke or vape anywhere on hospital grounds, inside or outside.

Contact us

Call the MRI Department on 01925 662102.