

Information sheet

Your Specialist has referred you to us for an MRI examination.

Please look under the menu tab 'Location' within website for maps and directions.

<u>Please arrive at the allocated time</u>, given to you by the administration staff, as this will give you time for changing, removing metal items on your body such as jewellery and piercings, and review of scan criteria.

Bring all previous MRI imaging studies with you, if they were not done here at Trinity MRI.

MRI scanning utilises high strength magnetic fields. We have included an MRI Safety Questionnaire to ensure you are safe to undergo an MRI scan. Please complete this and bring it with you. If you are uncertain about your answer or if you answer YES to any of the safety questions please phone us at the above number for advice. (You may need to have an X-Ray prior to your MRI).

You may require an intravenous injection of contrast as part of your MRI examination. This will be done to improve diagnostic accuracy. This is performed under request and supervision of a Specialist Radiologist. Your consent for this is required should the need arise. Please read and complete the Contrast Questionnaire and bring this to your appointment.

MRI scans are painless but can be noisy. We provide headphones and a selection of music to listen to, but please feel free to bring any favourite CD's with you.

The quality of images obtained in an MRI examination is very dependent on your ability to move as little as possible during parts of the study. Please let us know if you require pain relief.

Muscular and large patients often get quite warm during an MRI examination. To help with this we provide light-weight gowns for you to wear. We also provide a shower and towels for your use.

It is not uncommon for patients to experience some degree of claustrophobia whilst in the MRI scanner. If you think you may be prone to this, please read the enclosed information sheet on sedation. If you think you may require a sedative please arrange for a friend or family member to take you home after your MRI.

We aim to optimise your comfort, care and confidentiality. Please feel free to call us with any questions and concerns you may have.

We will call you one hour prior to your appointment if there are any delays.

Please let us know if you may be late.

Thank you