

Information for sedation and analgesia

Sedation

Some patients experience anxiety or claustrophobia in the MRI scanner. If you think you might be prone to this, please contact us beforehand. We can arrange a visit to the MRI before your appointment which many find reassuring. Others may need to take a light sedative prescribed by their GP. If you need sedation either beforehand or during the examination then **arrangements must be made for someone to drive you home**, (this must be someone you know and cannot be via taxi), **and you must not return to work or operate machinery until the next day**. We will ask you to stay for a short period in our recovery area after your scan to ensure there are no ill effects.

Pain relief/Analgesia

It is very important to lie **completely still** during your examination. If you are experiencing pain as part of your condition, please let us know so that we can make you as comfortable as possible. Take your regular medication as usual. If you are likely to need pain relief contact us before your MRI so that we can have a Radiologist available to help you.

If you receive any medication during the examination you will be asked to stay for a brief period of observation and you will need to make arrangements for someone you know to drive you home. You should not go back to work or operate machinery until the next day.

For Sedation/Analgesia patients only:

	YES	NO
Are you allergic to Valium or other Benzodiazepines?		
Do you have Glaucoma?		
Do you take Clozapine or any other anti-psychosis Medications?		
Do you have any breathing problems or Respiratory (Lung) disease?		
Have you ever been cautioned by a Doctor or Dentist about Pain killers, Sedatives or Anaesthetic Medications? If yes, which one?		

The completed questionnaire will be kept permanently on file.

Signature of Patient or Guardian	Signature of Radiographer/Radiologist	Patient Weight
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Office use only:	Amount (ml)	Batch/Exp	Time	Initial/signature
Ativan				
Midazolam				
Fentanyl				
Comment:				