

Explaining MRI scan

Magnetic Resonance Imaging is similar to a scan. It uses a Magnetic field, radio waves and a computer system to take a series of detailed images, which can provide comprehensive information about the part of body being scanned. It is an extremely safe procedure but if you have a pace maker, metal heart valves you need to inform your doctor and a different scan will be arranged. You don't need any special precautions before the scan. If you want you can bring a friend or family member with you. You will be asked to put on a hospital gown and will be taken into the MRI room. You will lie on a couch and may be given a contrast medium by injection, which helps to produce a more detailed image. The couch will be moved through a tube/tunnel and you will hear the sound of the machine. If you struggle in closed spaces let the staff know. The whole process takes about half an hour after which you can return home. Results will be available in 2-3 weeks.