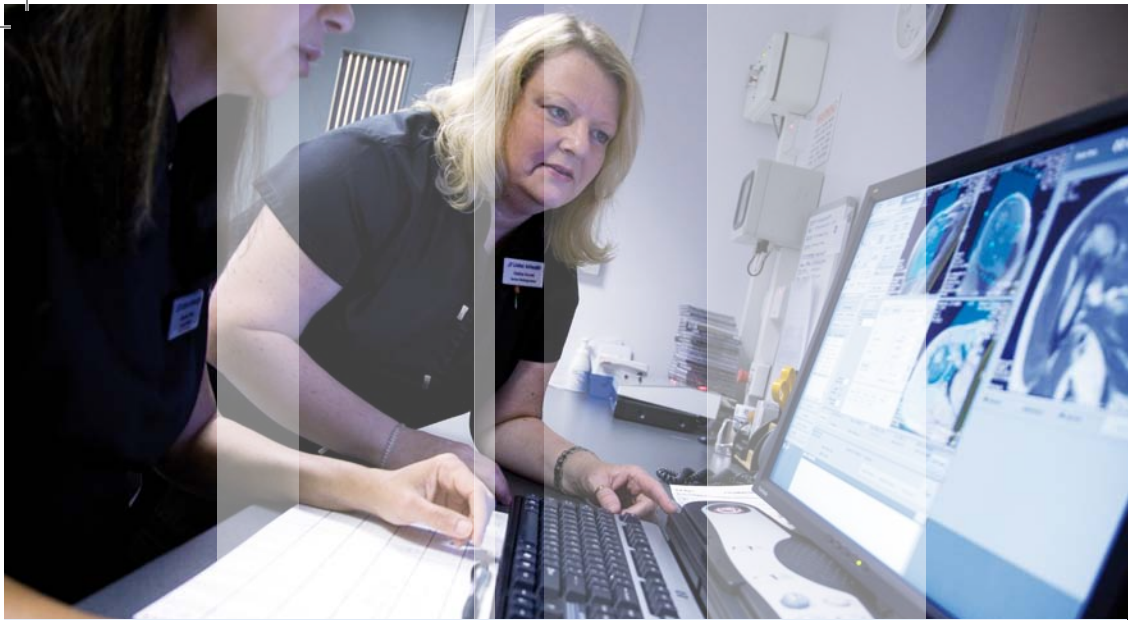


About your MRI appointment

You have been referred for an MRI scan. This guide will tell you about the procedure and help you prepare for the appointment and what will happen afterwards.



What is an MRI scan?

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) uses magnetic energy and radio waves to produce detailed images of the inside of the human body.

It does this by 'slicing' through the area being scanned, one small section at a time, to gradually build a 3-D picture, just as slices of bread make a complete loaf when put together.

Doctors use MRI to help diagnose medical conditions and disorders. It does not involve radiation and nothing has to be inserted into your body.

Important Safety Information

MRI is considered to be a very safe procedure with no known side effects. However, because magnetic energy is used in the procedure, the scanner does attract metal objects, particularly those containing iron.

For this reason, you should remove all jewellery before your scan and tell

The operator (radiographer) about any metallic implants and devices you may have, such as:

- Artificial heart valves
- Artificial limbs
- Pins and plates in your joints
- Dental work
- Electronic devices such as pacemakers

Patients with pacemakers should not undergo MRI scans.

If you are pregnant, or think you may be pregnant, you should consult your doctor about whether to postpone the scan or have a different procedure.

Before your appointment

All we ask is that you please confirm your appointment at least 48 hours in Advance by contacting your MRI Centre.

Missed appointments may be subject to a cancellation fee.

If you are a female patient and would like a Female staff member to escort

you throughout your examination, please Inform the MRI Centre at least 48 hours In advance so that this can be arranged.

You do not need to make any special preparations.

Watches and credit cards can be affected by the scanner so you should not take them into the scanning room. You may prefer to leave these items at home.

Please avoid wearing make-up if you are having a head or neck scan, as some brands contain particles that can affect the quality of the scan.

Please try to wear light clothing with no metal fastenings, such as a tracksuit, so you don't need to get changed.

If you need help because you speak a different language, or you want a friend, relative or carer to come with you, please let us know when you book your appointment.

When you arrive

When you arrive, we will ask you to fill in a safety questionnaire, explain the scanning procedure to you and ask for your consent to carry out the scan. If you have any questions, please ask the radiographer.

For some scans, we may ask you to change into an examination gown, particularly if your clothing contains any metal fasteners.

The examination

During the scan we will ask you to lie very still on the MRI table. The table has a two-way intercom which you can use to communicate with the MRI staff during your scan.

A piece of equipment will be placed around the part of your body being

scanned. This equipment picks up the MRI signal from which the system creates the images.

As the scan begins, you will hear a drumming noise and a few clicks as the machine is set up. The noise continues throughout the scan but you will be given ear protection to minimise it.

For some scans, we will give you an injection to improve the quality of the scan.

How long will it take?

This depends on the size of the body part being scanned – the bigger the area, the more 'slices' have to be taken. It is possible that your scan will take up to an hour.

When will I get the results?

Our radiographers are qualified MRI professionals who specialise in obtaining high quality images however, they are not trained to diagnose problems from the scans. Please don't ask the radiographer to comment on your images as they are not allowed to do so.

Your referrer will receive the MRI report and images. You should contact your referrer to receive your results unless he or she has made different arrangements with you. We will contact you if we need to carry out further investigations.



How to find us

The London Imaging Centre, 11 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 9ST
Tel : 020 7467 8800

By Road

The London Imaging Centre is located nearer Oxford Street at 11-12 Wimpole Street, close to the junction with Queen Anne Street. Parking can be difficult but there are a number of car parks nearby including Cavendish Square and Marylebone Road. There is no parking available at The London Imaging Centre. Congestion charges do apply in this area.

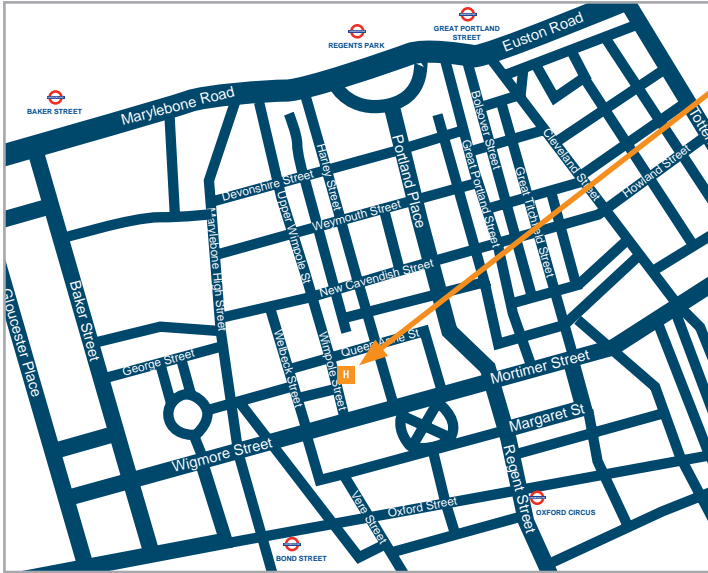
By Rail

The nearest underground stations are Bond Street (Central & Jubilee lines) and Oxford Street (Central & Victoria lines) both less than 0.5 miles from the centre. The nearest rail station is Marylebone Station (BR & underground connect) which is about 0.8 miles from the centre.

By Bus

Bus routes serving the Centre are 205, 25, 88, 453 and C2, which will come direct to Oxford Street or very near.





The London Imaging Centre

Informed consent

The information contained within this leaflet is intended to provide you with an overview of the examination or treatment that you are to receive. Prior to any medical procedure being carried out, the healthcare professional conducting the procedure will describe the nature of the examination or treatment you are to receive and will detail any risks associated with the procedure. It is your right to be given sufficient information to be able to make an informed decision as to whether you wish to continue with the examination/treatment or to refuse to undergo the procedure.

The nature of some examinations and treatment requires that your consent to continue must be given in writing and a form will be provided for you to sign. Some examinations

may only require your verbal consent. For further information regarding our consent policy, please contact the Centre to which you have been referred.

We take pride in the standard of service which we offer at InHealth. If you do have reason to complain, however, we take your comments seriously and a full complaints procedure is available upon request. Please ask a member of staff at the Centre who will be able to provide you with a copy, alternatively call the **Central Bookings line on 0845 603 0854** for a copy of the policy or to make a complaint. If you are unhappy with our handling of your complaint, you can contact the External Adjudication Secretariat, C/O Independent Healthcare Advisory Services, Centre Point, 103 New Oxford St, London WC1 1DU.



Appointment Details

Name:

Date:

Time:

Consultant:

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