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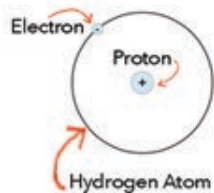
eg. coins, earrings, watch, phone, iPod, keys, glasses, belt.

The scanner is very noisy. You will have ear protection and we can still hear and talk to you.



You may lie head first or you may be feet first. You can still watch a movie the whole time.

FACTS ABOUT MRI



- MRI stands for **Magnetic Resonance Imaging**.

- **Cool physics!** - A super cooled magnet + radio waves + quantum spin = a 3d picture of inside you.

- A 1p coin will accelerate above 40mph in the bore of the scanner.

- The scanner's main magnet creates a magnetic field that is 30,000 to 60,000 times stronger than the earth's magnetic field, yet hardly uses any power.



Come for your MRI Scan

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Under General Anaesthetic

Afternoon appointment

When pm.

Where Crichton (Level 1)

Royal Hospital for Children and Young People
Little France
Edinburgh
EH16 4SA

Tel: 0131 312 0896

Office hours Monday – Friday
8.30am-4.30pm



Scan the QR code for more information about scans and X-rays.



Information for parents and carers -

MRI Scan - Under General Anaesthetic

A parent or legal guardian must accompany your child to provide consent for the procedure under General Anaesthetic. If your child is unwell e.g. a bad cold, high temperature, vomiting, diarrhea, is on antibiotics, or recently had any immunisations or has had contact with anyone with chickenpox please telephone the number on the front of this leaflet for advice as soon as possible. After a general anaesthetic, public transport home is not permitted. If other transport is not available, please telephone the ward specified on your appointment letter.

How long will the procedure take?

Please attend the specified ward at your given appointment time as it's essential that medical staff assess your child's fitness prior to anaesthetic. Your child will need to stay in the ward for a time after their scan. In some cases children are kept in hospital overnight. If this is the case, the reasons will be explained to you. You may wish to prepare and bring an overnight bag.

What is an MRI scanner and how does it work?

Magnetic fields, radio waves and computers are used to produce picture 'slices' of the human body. It does not use any x-rays and is considered completely safe. Your child will lie on a bed within the scanner and will be closely monitored by the anaesthetic team. They will feel no effects during this scan. The scanner makes a banging noise so appropriate ear protection will be placed on your child. The radiographer will be able to see your child at all times throughout the scan which typically takes from 15 minutes to an hour. Sometimes your child will require an injection of contrast agent to help the doctor see parts of the body more clearly and aid diagnosis.

Important safety information

Please complete the enclosed safety questionnaire for your child and return when attending for your appointment. As MRI uses a strong magnet, it may not be possible to have an MRI scan if your child has:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">*A heart pacemaker*Certain inner-ear implants*Metal fragments within their eyes or head*Surgical clips within their head*Neuro-electrical stimulators | } | <ul style="list-style-type: none">*some other implants e.g. artificial heart valves, orthopaedic implants or plate. (hip replacements are generally safe). |
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Please contact the MRI unit if you or your child have any of the above or have a programmable shunt.

What Preparation is required ?

Important information – please read

Your child must have an empty stomach for a General Anaesthetic.

Ensure no solid food is eaten after 7.30am. You can give your child a small drink of clear fluids (not milk) until 12.30pm. If your child is under 1 year old and you wish to give them milk, then breast milk can be given until 9.30am and formula milk can be given until 7.30am.

For an **MRI** scan you **Must Remove Items** – Metal objects such as watches, removable dental plates or braces, hearing aids, mascara, jewellery, including piercings, must be removed. Zips or clips on clothing can affect the images.

Please bring pyjamas or plain clothes such as a plain t-shirt (with no sparkly motifs) and jogging bottoms for your child to wear.

What if my child is taking medication?

Do not stop taking any prescribed medications. The scan will not affect the usefulness of the drug. If you have any questions about this please contact the department.

How will I get the results of the test?

The result will be sent to the doctor who asked for this test, normally within 7-10 days. The doctor who has asked for the test will then send you a follow-up appointment to discuss your results with them. If this was your GP, please contact them directly after 7–10 days.

What if I do not speak English?

If you need help with the English language please phone **0131 312 0896** as soon as possible and we can arrange an interpreter for you.

How do I get to Crichton (Level 1)?

At main reception take the lift or stairs to Level 1.

For more information about the Imaging Department and your scan.

Please visit www.children.nhslthian.scot/the-rhccp
You can scan the QR code on the front of this leaflet.

Public Transport and Travel Information.

Bus details available - Lothian Buses on 0131 555 6363 or www.lothianbuses.co.uk

Traveline Scotland - 08712 002 233 or www.travelinescotland.com

Train details available – National Rail Enquiries on 03457 484 950 or www.nationalrail.co.uk

Need to change or cancel your appointment? Please change or cancel your appointment by phoning as soon as possible – Tel: 0131 312 0896.
(Phone in office hours Monday-Friday 8.30am - 4.30pm). Your call will give someone else the chance to be seen and will help us keep waiting times to a minimum.