

EURACARE

PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

GENERAL MRI

MRI stands for Magnetic Resonance Imaging. MRI is non-invasive imaging technique that does not involve exposure to radiation, but uses a large magnet instead.

Preparation- Very important

The machine is an extremely powerful magnet which means we must follow certain safety guidelines. Please let us know immediately if any of the following apply to you:

1. You have a cardiac pacemaker
2. You have a heart valve
3. You have ever had surgery on your head
4. You have any metallic implants
5. If it is possible you have ever had metal fragments in your eyes e.g., from welding, metalwork etc
6. You may be pregnant

Please remove jewellery, including body piercing, before attending for your scan. Items of jewellery can interfere with the magnetic field.

Procedure

You will be asked to lie on a couch. The position will depend on the part of the body that is being study.

Once we are ready to start you will be moved into the scanner. You are given headphones to hear the Radiographer and there is a microphone for you to talk back. An alarm button is given to you.

The scanner makes a loud knocking sound while we take the images. We might ask you to hold your breath while we take the pictures. The scan can take some time and you will need to hold very still. It may be necessary to give a small injection of a dye into your arm which helps to show up certain areas more clearly.

For women of Childbearing Age

We must be informed of all cases of known or suspected pregnancy at the earliest opportunity.

This examination may need to be carried out within the first ten days of your menstrual cycle. When you telephone the call centre please let us know when your next period is due so that we can arrange your appointment accordingly.