



# Having an MRI scan?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a reliable and safe diagnostic imaging procedure. But because of the strong magnet that MRI uses, **there is information that your doctor needs to know** when they send you for an MRI scan.

*Tell them about:*

- **Any operations you have had, however minor**
- **If you have any implants such as a cardiac pacemaker; a joint replacement such as a hip or a knee; metal screws, clips, rods or pins; shunts; or a cochlear (ear) implant, a glucose monitoring device, or an insulin pump**
- **If you have any piercings, tattoos, or permanent cosmetics**
- **If you are aware of any metal in your body**

If you have an implant card, please take this to the MRI scan appointment with you.

Please also remove any jewellery - rings, earrings, piercings - before you come to the appointment.

In the MRI department you will be asked to complete a safety questionnaire. It is important that you provide as much detail as possible.

Please ask the radiographer who will be carrying out the scan if you are unsure about any of the questions, or about your answers.

**Thank you for your help.**

