



Having a MRI Scan



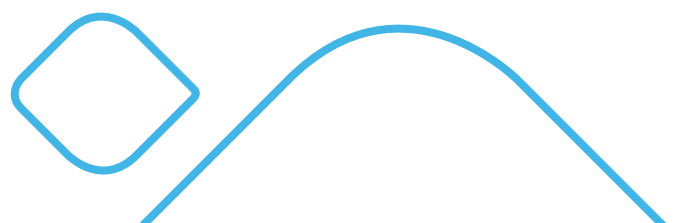
A MRI scan takes pictures of the inside of your body.



You will have to come to the hospital.



The receptionist will ask for your name.





You can then sit in the waiting room.

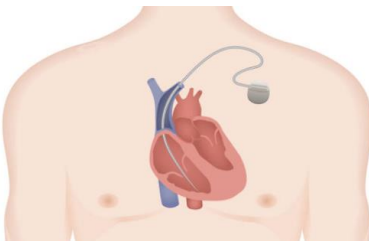


This is what a MRI scanner looks like.

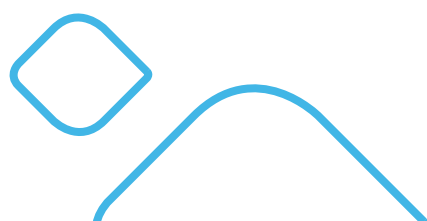
It does not hurt.



You must take off any jewellery or watches.



You must tell the radiographer if you have a pacemaker or any metal inside your body.





You might need to take your clothes off and put on a hospital gown.



The MRI scanner is very noisy.



You can ask to listen to music or watch a film.



You need to lie on a special bed.

You can ask for somebody that you trust to stay with you.



The radiographer will move the bed into the scanner.

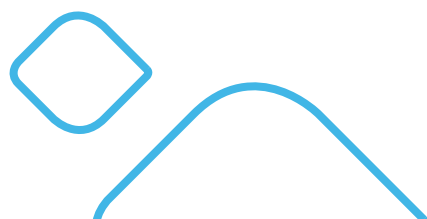
The scan might take a long time.



The radiographer will move the bed out of the scanner when the scan is finished.



You can go home when it is finished.





It will help the doctor decide if you need treatment.

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