

7. Have you had any operation in the last 8 weeks? **Yes/No**
8. Have you ever suffered a shrapnel or gunshot injury? **Yes/No**
9. Do you have any metallic body piercings which you are unable to remove? **Yes/No**
10. Ladies; is there any possibility that you could be pregnant? **Yes/No**

If you have answered **YES** to any of these questions please telephone as soon as possible, before you attend for your MRI appointment.

Monday - Friday 9:00 - 3:30pm 01590 663125

Answering 'YES' does not necessarily mean that we will not be able to perform your MRI scan.

Signed: (Patient)

Date:/...../.....

Signed: (Staff)

Date:/...../.....

Please Note:

- Before entering the magnetic field you will be required to remove all metallic objects, jewellery and items such as bank cards. These can be stored securely during your scan.
- You will also be required to remove any skin patches e.g. nicotine or hormone patches, and body piercings.
- If possible, wear clothing without any metal fasteners or zips - this will avoid having to change into a gown.
- It is safe to scan if you have any metal joint replacements, providing they have been in place for over 8 weeks.

MRI appointments and enquiries

01590 663125

www.southernhealth.nhs.uk/services/community-health-services/x-ray/

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What is an MRI scan?

MRI stands for 'magnetic resonance imaging'. It is a method of obtaining very high quality images by using a powerful magnet and radio waves. This type of scan produces exceptional detailed images of the soft tissue structures of the body, especially of the brain, spine and joints. No radiation is involved.

What will I have to do before my scan?

Please remove all jewellery prior to your scan. If possible, wear clothing without any metal fasteners or zips (this will avoid having to change into a gown). The scanner itself is an open tube approximately 4 feet long and has a moveable couch which slides inside the cylinder shaped scanner.

What happens during the scan?

You will be asked to lie on the couch and made comfortable. The part of the body being examined is placed in the middle of the scanner.

The scanner is open ended so you won't be completely enclosed at any time. You will be given a call button to gain the Radiographer's attention if required. The scan takes approximately 30 minutes depending on the specific examination, during which time it is important to lie very still. The machine is noisy and will make knocking or buzzing sounds throughout the scan therefore you may ask for earplugs.

What happens after my scan?

You will be able to leave immediately and MRI has no known health risks or side effects.

When will I get my results?

After your examination there will be many images which will need to be reviewed by a Consultant Radiologist, so we will not be able to give you an instant result. You will need to make an appointment with the Clinician who requested your scan to discuss the results. Usually this process takes approximately one week.

Where to find us

- **Lymington New Forest Hospital**, Wellworthy Road, Lymington SO41 8QD. Tel: **01590 663000**
- **By car:** Follow Wellworthy Road from A337.
- **By bus:** There are regular bus services from Brockenhurst, which stop at the hospital. There is a local service through Lymington town centre.
- **By train:** Lymington is served by a Heritage Railway line from Brockenhurst that currently terminates near Lymington Town Centre.



MRI Safety Questionnaire

Patient Name:

Date of Birth:/...../.....

Weight: kg/st Height: cm/ft

MRI is a very safe type of scan for most people, but as it involves going into a strong magnetic field it is important we ask you some questions to enable us to ensure that no risks to you are involved.

IMPORTANT: Please bring this **COMPLETED** form with you when you attend your appointment.

Please circle the appropriate response below:

1. Have you ever had any metallic fragments enter either of your eyes? **Yes/No**
2. Do you have a heart pacemaker or internal cardiac monitor/defibrillator? **Yes/No**
3. Do you have an artificial heart valve? **Yes/No**
4. Have you ever had an operation on your brain? **Yes/No**
5. Do you have a cochlear implant? **Yes/No**
6. Do you have ANY type of implant? (e.g. plates, pins, clips, screws, joint replacements, stents) **Yes/No**

If **YES**, Please list type and date of insertion

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