

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Information for Patients requiring Oral Sedation (Adults)



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Your doctor has recommended that you have an MRI scan and that you may require oral sedation. This leaflet will explain how patients requiring oral sedation can access this medication prior to their MRI examination

What is involved?

The MRI department does not have the facility to prescribe and dispense sedative drugs. Oral sedation must be prescribed by your referrer, (this may be either your GP or the hospital doctor that asked for the MRI scan) and then collected from a pharmacy before attending for your MRI appointment.

What do I need to do now?

1. Please make an appointment with your referrer to discuss your concerns about the MRI scan.
2. The referrer may prescribe you with an oral sedative, compatible with your current medication(s). This sedative may be sufficient to enable you to complete the MRI examination.
3. When you have the prescription for the sedative, telephone the MRI appointments office on 01493 453260 to arrange your scan appointment.
4. On the day of your appointment, take your prescribed oral sedative according to the instructions given by your referrer/pharmacist.
5. Please bring somebody with you that can drive/escort you home after taking oral sedation.

Please contact the MRI appointments team to rearrange your appointment within 2 weeks, or your scan may be cancelled.

To arrange your scan or should you have any further questions please telephone the CT/MRI department on 01493 453260 during the hours of 8:30 and 17:00 Monday to Friday.

Feedback

We want your visit to be as comfortable as possible. Please talk to the person in charge if you have any concerns. If the ward/department staff are unable to resolve your concern, please ask for our Patient Advice and Liaison (PALS) information. Please be assured that raising a concern will not impact on your care. **Before you leave the hospital you will be asked to complete a Friends and Family Test feedback card.** Providing your feedback is vital in helping to transform NHS services and to support patient choice.

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The hospital can arrange for an interpreter or person to sign to assist you in communicating effectively with staff during your stay. Please let us know.

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