

Your stomach (tummy) scan:



The doctor has asked for you to have an MRI scan.



An MRI machine is a very strong magnet.



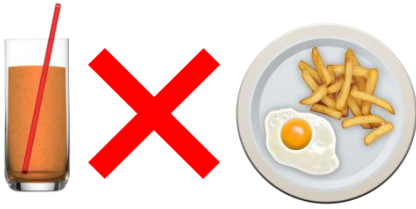
We use it to take special pictures of inside of your stomach (tummy).



It does not hurt.



You need to arrive 1 hour before your appointment time.



You can't eat or drink anything for 6 hours before your appointment.



At your appointment you will meet a radiographer. They take the pictures.



The radiographer will ask you some questions and take pictures of your stomach (tummy) with the MRI.



The scanner is very big.



You will have to drink a special drink.



You may need a cannula put in your arm. You can ask for numbing cream if you are worried about this.



You have to lie down on a bed and keep very still.



It is VERY noisy so the radiographer will give you some headphones.



They will give you a call-bell to stop the scan.



The radiographer will tell you how long each picture will take.



You can listen to music.



You will have to hold your breath lots of times.



You can breathe normally in between each test.



A friend, family member or support worker can go in the room with you.



The doctor will use the pictures to find out what is wrong inside you.



If you have any questions please ring 01752 432511.



You can bring a list of questions with you from home.



If you have a patient passport please bring it with you.



If you are worried about having a MRI talk to your doctor or the Learning Disability Nurses.