

What happens afterwards?

Once the radiographer tells you the scan is finished you may dress and go home.

The radiographer will not be able to give you the results of your scans. They are read by a radiologist, who then sends the results to your consultant or doctor. This takes 7 to 14 days.

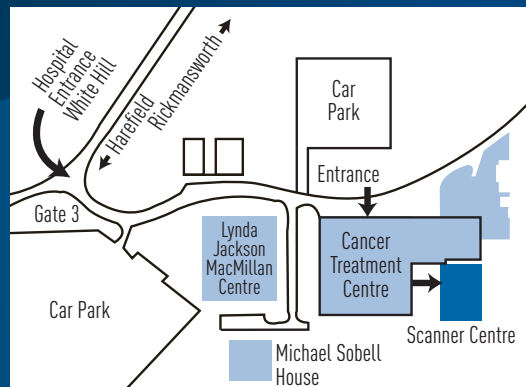
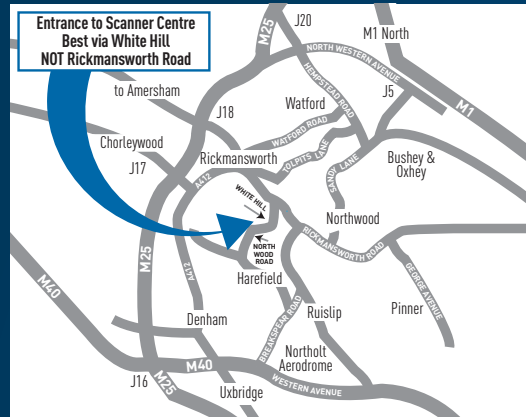


Any Questions?

If you have any questions regarding your MRI Scan please contact us on **01923 844953** between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday.

More information is available on our website **www.stricklandscanner.org.uk**.

How to find the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre at Mount Vernon Hospital



Buses 282, 331, R21, H11 and 8. Trains to Northwood Station (Metropolitan Line) from Baker Street, Harrow, Watford, Amersham, then bus number H11, 282, 331 or 8. Taxi.

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Patient information for MRI Scan



What is a scan?

Scan is a word used to describe an examination of parts, or a part of the body. There are many different kinds of scan and they are performed in different departments in the hospital.

MRI, CT and PET/CT scans are done in the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre.

What is an MRI scan?

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is a modern imaging technique which uses magnetic fields and radio waves. No X-rays are involved.

It produces highly detailed images of various parts of the body and it is completely painless.

What would prevent me having a scan?

- Having a pacemaker/defibrillator
- Having a programmable brain shunt
- Having aneurysm clips
- Certain metal heart valves
- Metallic fragments in the eyes

We also prefer not to scan ladies in the early months of pregnancy.

It is important to know if you have had any pins, plates, joint replacement or implants of any type so we can determine which scanner is suitable for you.

Preparation before the MRI scan

- Unless requested to do otherwise, eat and drink as normal and please take your prescribed medicines.
- Ladies, please do NOT wear mascara.
- Please bring a dressing gown and your favourite music on CD.

You will have filled out a safety questionnaire.

If you have not or have any queries please phone us on **01923 844953**.

This is particularly important and may save you a wasted journey.

When you arrive in the department

You will be asked to check your questionnaire. This is for your own safety and ensures that you are suitable for this type of examination.

You will change into a dressing gown, having removed all metal and garments which have metal on them. This includes jewellery but not rings of precious metal.

The scan itself

You will be asked to lie on a couch, head or feet first dependant on the body part we are scanning. Once you are positioned and comfortable, all you need to do is relax and keep very still.

A loud rhythmic knocking noise will be heard whilst the scan takes place so. You may like to bring your favourite CD, which we can play during the scan.

The radiographer can see you throughout the scan and you can communicate with each other at any time.

How long will it take?

Most MRI scans take from 15 minutes to 1 hour. Although every attempt is made to scan patients on time, delays may occur due to unforeseen circumstances.

Each patient as an individual and will be treated as such.

Will I need an injection?

For the majority of examinations it is not required. If you are having an abdominal or pelvic scan we will give you an injection in the muscle of the leg. Occasionally it is necessary to give you a small injection in the arm or hand. Extra images will then be obtained. This should cause you no after effects. If it is necessary don't be alarmed, it just gives us extra information.

