

MRI Multiparametric Prostate Preparation

Your doctor has recommended that you have a Multiparametric scan. The reason for this will depend on your condition; your doctor will talk to you about your options. This leaflet explains the procedure and aims to answer the main questions you're likely to have. If you have any additional questions then please feel free to talk about them with your doctor, nurse or radiographer before the procedure.

How to prepare and what to expect

- Fast for 1 hour prior to your examination, although you can drink water in small quantities
- Take your daily medications as normal, unless instructed otherwise.
- You will be required to check-in at the main reception 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment for the scan.
- You will be directed to the MRI department where you will need to complete an MRI safety form. A Radiographer will check your safety form and explain the procedure to you.
- The examination will involve administration of MRI contrast and buscopan
- **Buscopan** is administered to slow down the movement of the bowel and bladder and therefore will produce clearer images. You will need to complete a further questionnaire to ensure that you are not contraindicated to buscopan.

BUSCOPAN – there are some known side effects to buscopan such as blurred vision, double vision, headache or dizziness after Buscopan injection. Therefore, caution should be recommended when driving or operating machinery. If you experience any of the above said side effects, you should avoid potentially hazardous tasks such as driving or operating machinery. **It is advised that you do not drive until you can see clearly again.**

- You will be asked to empty your bladder prior to the examination
- You will be required to change into a hospital gown and an intravenous cannula will be placed in one of your arms before you are taken into MRI scanning room.
- The scanning takes around 50 minutes.
- The whole procedure takes around 1 hour.

Contact

If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the MRI department on +44 (0)20 70652543

The department is open Monday to Friday between 8.00am and 6.00pm.

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