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What is MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI, is a painless, non-invasive test that uses a powerful magnetic field, radio waves, an antenna and a computer to produce highly detailed images of the body.

Is MRI Safe?

MRI is considered a very safe imaging technique and has no known side effects, however, due to limited research in the area of pregnancy and MRI exposure, it may be inadvisable to undergo an MRI scan whilst pregnant. Unlike X-rays and CT scans, MRI does not use ionising radiation to produce its images. Instead, the powerful magnet and radio-waves manipulate tiny magnetic fields already existing within you to produce a signal which creates highly detailed images of any part of the body.

Before you scan:

You will be asked to complete an MRI Safety Questionnaire to ensure it is safe for you to go near the very strong magnet and to have the scan. Not everyone can undergo MRI as some medical implants interact poorly within the scanner and may result in harm. You will be unable to undergo an MRI exam if you have a pacemaker or pacing wires, a defibrillator, a neurostimulator, certain types of brain aneurysm clips or a cochlear implant. Before your MRI exam can begin, the MRI Radiographer will explain the procedure and thoroughly review your MRI Safety Questionnaire with you to ensure your absolute safety.

Due to the safety aspects of the strong magnetic field used and to help keep the MRI environment metal free, please wear clean, metal free clothing to your appointment (ie, no metal zips, studs, or embellishments). You may be asked to change into a hospital gown. You will be required to remove all jewellery, hairpins, hearing aids and metallic dentures before your scan.

LOCATION	X-RAY	OPG	DEXA	US	ECHO	CT	MRI	IR
Wendouree Clinic	✓	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sebastopol Clinic	✓	✓	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓

