

MRI Prostate

WHAT IS A PROSTATE MRI:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) uses a magnetic field, radiofrequency pulses, and a computer to produce detailed pictures of the body. Doctors use Prostate MRI to detect the presence of prostate cancer and determine its extent

INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCAN:

1. MRI Prostate scans that fulfil Medicare requirements are bulk billed by NCRG. A fee will be charged if the referral falls outside of these conditions.
2. Please allow 1 hour for appointment.
3. You will need to purchase Microlax from a chemist. Microlax is used to give the radiologist a clearer picture for diagnosis. Go to <http://www.microlax.com.au/faq> for more information.
4. Ensure you fast 6 hours prior to your appointment. You can drink water to stay hydrated.
5. After checking in at the reception desk, you will be required to fill out several questionnaires for your safety.
6. An MRI technologist will advise you when to insert Microlax at the appointment. The Microlax can take 20 minutes to work during which time you will be asked to be seated outside the waiting room.
7. Once you have been to the toilet, you will be changed into a hospital gown and escorted into the MRI room.
8. You will be cannulated, scanned and Gadolinium will be administered (a contrast agent that highlights blood flow)
9. The scan should be completed in around 30 minutes

Notes:

If you are unable to attend your appointment, please phone on 1300 66 9729 and inform our staff as soon as possible. Thank you!