

# PIP breast implant MRI

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET MR03



## Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more branch details.

### Duration of examination

15-20 minutes

### Please bring with you:

- > Your request form
- > All previous relevant imaging
- > Medicare and any Healthcare cards

For more information on this procedure please call one of our branches.

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## PIP breast MRI—background

The Federal Government has announced that patients with PIP (Poly Implant Protheses) breast implants can access a Medicare rebate for an MRI to assess the state of their implant and whether or not it has ruptured. Eligibility for the MRI is for a period of 24 months (from Friday 1 May 2020).

## What is breast MRI?

MRI uses a powerful magnetic field, radio frequency pulses and computer technology to produce images of the breasts and surrounding structures. The images can be reviewed on a computer monitor, printed or copied to CD. MRI does not use ionising radiation (x-rays).

## Purpose of the PIP breast MRI

The Government rebate is intended to allow us to evaluate the integrity of the breast implant, known or suspected to have been manufactured by PIP. This is not a diagnostic MRI scan intended to evaluate the breast tissue surrounding the implant for breast cancer.

## Pre-scan procedure

On arrival for your appointment, you will be given a safety questionnaire to complete. People with cardiac pacemakers cannot have an MRI due to the strong magnetic field. Other exclusions include some ear implants, brain aneurysm clips and other medically implanted devices. We have a detailed database of various medically implanted devices which we refer to when checking a patient's compatibility with MRI.

## What will happen during the examination?

Due to the safety aspects involved with strong magnetic fields and the sensitive nature of the technology, you will be asked to change into a gown and remove your watch and certain jewellery. Underwear below the waist may be worn. All valuables may be safely stored in a locker which is provided for you.

Prior to being placed inside the MRI scanner, you will be positioned on your stomach with your breasts hanging freely into the breast coil which is the signal receiver that works with the MRI system to create the images. Breast MRI is especially sensitive to motion, so you will be asked to remain as still as possible during the scan.

The MRI scanner makes a loud noise during scanning and you will be given headphones to wear. You will also be given a call buzzer which may be used to gain the attention of the MRI radiographer at any time during the scan.

No injection of contrast will be required.

There is no risk of damage to the implants.

## After the examination

You will not be able to wait for your results due to the time required to process, evaluate and report the images. The report, together with the images, will be forwarded to your doctor and may take up to a week.

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## Having your scan with Benson Radiology

At Benson Radiology your PIP Breast MRI scan will be performed by our highly trained breast imaging technical staff and performed on the State's newest fleet of wide bore MRI scanners. This will help ensure maximum patient comfort, together with optimum image quality.

Also, please note that while your PIP breast scan may take up to a week to report, you can be guaranteed that all reports will be managed by our leading breast MRI specialists, Doctors Jill Robinson and Shan Bau.

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It is important you understand why and how we will be assisting you. If you have any questions, please call one of our branches or speak to our staff on the day of your visit.

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