

# Patients requiring sedation for MRI

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET MR05



## Your Appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more branch details.

### Please bring with you:

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

### Payment on the day of the examination is requested.

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

For more information regarding Benson Radiology please visit:

[bensonradiology.com.au](http://bensonradiology.com.au)

## Experiencing an MRI scan

Benson Radiology invests in the latest wide bore MRI technology. The roominess of our 70cm wide scanners, means that we can accommodate patients of all sizes and also those patients who may experience anxiety or claustrophobia.

However, in a small number of cases, patients may require sedation for the examination to be completed. This option may be discussed with your specialist and then with our MRI radiographers and clerical staff at the time of booking.

## Sedation

The sedation will be performed by an anaesthetist. Please be aware that it is not a general anaesthetic.

Occasionally at the discretion of the anaesthetist, admission to the Ashford hospital day ward may be required. Private health cover is required for any admissions.

You will still be awake during the examination, however the anaesthetist will use the appropriate amount of sedative to allow you to comfortably complete the scan without impacting on your day's activities.

In most instances, you will still be aware of (and be able to recall) the examination.

Throughout the scan you will be monitored on site by the anaesthetist.

## After the examination

Following the scan you may feel some slight grogginess. You will be kept for observation in our department until you are cleared by a nurse and feel comfortable to leave.

If hospital admission is not required, your post examination stay in our department can be up to four hours. You will need someone to drive you home and stay with you over night.

Please note that you will require someone to drive you home following your scan. Please consider this when making your appointment.

## Booking

If you require sedation, our clerical staff will book the anaesthetist for you.

The anaesthetist's room will then contact you to discuss the procedure.

The fee payable for the sedation component of the scan is a private fee paid separately to the anaesthetist.