Patients requiring sedation for MRI

PATIENT INFORMATION SHEET MR05

Your appointment:

Date: .....

Time: .....

Location: .....

Please see our website for more clinic details.

Please bring with you:

- Your request form
- Medicare and any
- Healthcare cards

Payment on the day of the examination is requested.

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What is an MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is an imaging method that uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves to produce detailed images of different parts of the body. MRI does not involve exposure to ionising radiation (X-rays).

Experiencing an MRI scan

At Benson Radiology, all MRI machines feature wide bore technology, providing a 70cm opening designed to accommodate patients who may experience anxiety or claustrophobia. However, in a small number of cases, some patients may require twilight sedation to ensure the examination can be completed comfortably.

Sedation

Your examination will be performed under twilight sedation, administered by an anaesthetist from an independent company. Please be aware that twilight sedation is not the same as a general anaesthetic.

During twilight sedation, you will remain conscious and able to respond to instructions; however, the anaesthetist will administer an appropriate level of medication to induce a deeply relaxed, dream-like state that allow you to comfortably complete the examination.

This type of sedation typically allows faster recovery time and fewer side effects compared to general anaesthetic.

Throughout the scan you will be continuously monitored on site by the anaesthetist to ensure your safety and comfort.

Patient preparation

The anaesthetist's rooms will contact you directly to discuss preparation that is required by you.

After the examination

Following your examination, you may experience mild grogginess as the sedation wears off. For your safety, you will remain in our department for observation for up to four (4) hours, until you have been assessed and cleared by a nurse and feel comfortable to leave.

You will be required to have someone drive you home and stay with you overnight.

Booking

The anaesthetist's rooms will contact you directly to discuss the sedation process and any additional requirements. Please note that the fee for the sedation component of your scan is a private fee, payable separately to the anaesthetist.

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

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