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PREVENTATIVE IMAGING

Full Body MRI

A detailed picture of the body from head to pelvis. One scan, reported by two local consultant radiologists. Consultation to results in five days.

What it is

One scan, 45 to 60 minutes, head to pelvis.
Magnetic fields rather than X-rays: no radiation, no injected dye.

Who it is for

- Anyone wanting a thorough baseline
- Family history of cancer or vascular disease
- An unexplained finding on an earlier scan
- Before surgery, or before repeat screening

Why

Tumours, cysts and spinal disease stay silent for years, and none of them show in blood work. This gives you a baseline every future scan can be read against.

£1,695

Quoted before you commit. Consultation to report, nothing added.

GP consultation, 30 minutes

Review with your doctor

The scan, 45 to 60 minutes

Onward referral, arranged locally

Two independent consultant reports

⊗ When MRI is not possible

Pacemakers, cochlear implants, some aneurysm clips, pregnancy and severe claustrophobia rule it out or need thought first. Dental work and joint replacements are fine. Tell us at your consultation; we check before booking.

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GP consultation

DAY ONE

At the clinic, by video or at your home. We review your history and risk, confirm the scan is safe for you, and set the clinical context your images will be read against.

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The scan

DAYS 1 - 3

45 to 60 minutes at our partner imaging centre, run by specialist sonographers. You are in contact with the team throughout. Allow around 1 hour in total.

03

Consultant Reporting

WITHIN 48 HOURS

Two local consultant radiologists read the study within forty eight hours of the scan and produce a written report: the findings, their measurements, and what each one actually signifies.

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Review, in person or virtually

DAY FIVE

Your doctor takes you through the report, whichever suits your diary, and arranges any referral that is needed.

A scan is only as good as its reporting

Whole body MRI produces a great deal of data, and the value of it rests entirely on who reads it. Yours is reported by two consultant radiologists working locally, both with a specialist interest in cross sectional imaging, and both contactable if a question comes up later.

What the scan looks at

MRI is at its best on soft tissue, which is where most of what matters sits.
Six regions are imaged in the one session.

Brain, circulation and skull

Masses and cysts, white matter change, pituitary and sinus disease. The blood vessels supplying the brain are imaged too: aneurysms and the other quiet markers of stroke risk.

Chest

Heart structure, mediastinum and pleura, the ribs and thoracic spine. Lung tissue is seen, though CT remains better for small nodules.

Abdomen

Liver, pancreas, kidneys, spleen, adrenal glands and bowel. Fatty change, cirrhosis, stones, cysts, tumours and inflammation.

Pelvis

Bladder, rectum, lymph nodes, and the prostate or the uterus and ovaries.

Spine

Cervical, thoracic and lumbar. Disc herniation, stenosis, cord compression, degenerative change, bone marrow abnormality.

An individual joint

If there is a particular knee, shoulder or hip you want looked at, a dedicated MRI of it can usually be added to the same appointment and is quoted and charged separately.

✕ What MRI does not show

It is not a substitute for symptom based investigation. It is less sensitive to very small lung nodules, so it would not be the first choice where lung cancer alone is the concern. The thyroid and neck are better assessed by ultrasound, bowel concerns by CT or endoscopy. Any of this can be discussed at your consultation.

One in five patients has an incidental finding of some kind. Most are benign: small kidney or liver cysts, fatty change in the liver, wear in the discs, simple ovarian cysts.



If nothing is found

A clear scan is reassurance and a reference point, not a guarantee for the future. It records your anatomy as it is today, so any scan you have in years to come can be compared directly against it.



If something is found

Findings are graded by urgency and managed in house. Referrals are made to local specialist and handled for you. Patient can use their medical insurance if required at this stage.

If MRI is not for you, try TruCheck Intelli, £1,395

A single blood test that looks for circulating tumour cells, the whole cells shed into the bloodstream by a solid tumour, often years before symptoms appear. It screens for more than seventy cancers, takes minutes rather than an hour, and needs no scanner at all. Ask for the TruCheck leaflet, or call and we will talk it through.

Through your company

Current HMRC rules allow one health screening assessment and one medical check-up per employee each year without creating a taxable benefit in kind.

We invoice the company directly and can arrange scanning for directors and staff on the same programme. Your accountant should confirm the treatment that applies to your circumstances.

Do I need a referral?

No. You can come to us directly.

The initial consultation with our GP is part of the package and takes the place of a referral.

Is it safe?

There is no ionising radiation involved, so no radiation dose to consider.

The scan is loud and the space is enclosed, but you are in contact with the team throughout and can stop at any point.

Will my insurance cover it?

Screening in the absence of symptoms is not usually covered by standard policies, though some employer schemes do include it. We provide itemised invoices either way.

How often should it be repeated?

For most people every two to three years is sensible, sooner where a finding needs watching.

The value of the second scan lies in the comparison with the first.

Where does the scan take place?

Your consultations are with us in Roundhay, at your home or by video.

The scan itself is at our partner imaging centre, with free parking.

Arranging the test

Call the practice or book online.

Every test begins with a consultation,
because a result without context is not medicine.

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