



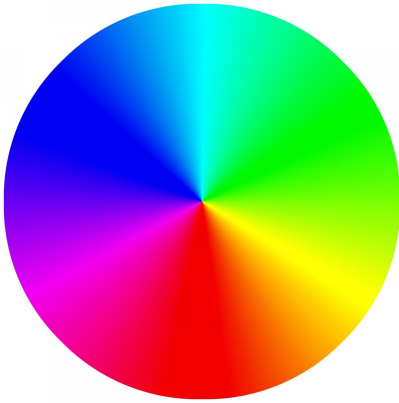
My visit to the MRI scanner: looking inside my head



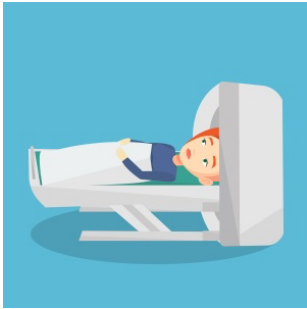
I am going to go to the hospital for a brain scan.



A special camera called an MRI is going to take pictures of my brain.



I can choose what colour the MRI will be.



The radiographer will ask me to lie down on the bed on my back with my head resting on something that looks like a space helmet.

The bed will move up and down and will slide into the tunnel.

My mum or dad can sit next to me.

My mum or dad can put a hand on my foot. I know they are there.



I can see my mum or dad through the mirror in the space helmet.



The MRI can be a little noisy, but the radiographer will give me earplugs and headphones.


I can listen to music or watch a video for some of the scans.

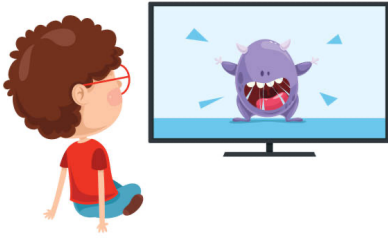
The radiographer will tell me when the music or the video will be turned on.



It is important to stay very still during the scan. I can pretend I am playing "Freeze Tag" with my friends and I can't move. This will be a little hard, but I will try my best.

There will be 12 different scans.

	<p>Some scans are very short, others will be longer.</p> <p>The radiographer will talk to me via a microphone and tell me how long each one will be.</p> <p>If I need a break or feel I can't stay still I can tell the radiographer.</p>
	<p>How long will each scan be?</p> <p>SCAN 1</p> <p>The first scan will be the longest. It will last 10 minutes.</p> <p>I can't to listen to music or watch a movie.</p> <p>I can listen to music or watch a video after scan N 1.</p>



After Scan N 1 I can listen to music or watch a video

It is still very important that I stay very still.

SCAN N 2 will be 90 seconds

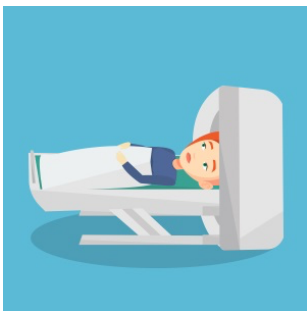
SCAN N 3 will be 6 minutes

SCAN N 4 will be 90 seconds

SCAN N 5 will be 3 minutes

SCAN N 6 will be 90 seconds

SCAN N 7 will be 6 minutes



SCAN N 8 will be 6 minutes

SCAN N 9 will be 8 minutes

SCAN N 10 will be 8 minutes

SCAN N 11 will be 1 minute

SCAN N 12 will be 1 minute



After all scans are completed, one of the researchers will print a picture of my brain. How cool is that! I can take the picture home with me.

	<p>I can show the brain picture and tell all friends and teachers about my brain!</p>
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I can let the researchers know what I like. They will give me a certificate and choose something from a surprise box.