

M.R.C.P

(Magnetic Resonance Cholangio-pancreatography)

This is an examination of the gall bladder and/or biliary tree using Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

Preparation : in order to visualise the gall bladder and/or bile ducts it is vital you follow these instructions:

DO NOT EAT OR DRINK FOR FOUR HOURS BEFORE THE EXAMINATION.

You will be asked to lie on the MRI table and remain very still in order to obtain the best scans possible. The MRI scanner makes a loud humming noise so during the examination you will be able to wear headphones to listen to music of your choice and to hear instructions given to you by the radiographer.

Some of the scans will involve you holding your breath for a period of up to 20 seconds. You will be instructed about this beforehand.

The total time required for the examination will be about 30 minutes.

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