

# MRI Brain Scanning Studies under General Anaesthesia

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## Description

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a type of imaging that is becoming more popular since it produces high-quality images while avoiding the use of ionising radiation. Images are frequently taken under severe sedation or general anaesthesia, especially if the patient is a youngster, because MRI needs total immobility. Furthermore, the enclosed MRI working environment, noises during the scan, and the presence of unknown medical personnel generate agitation and restlessness in youngsters, as well as severe concern in their parents. The anxiety scores of children having MRI and those of their parents have been shown to have a substantial link. As a result, MRI units should incorporate standard monitoring of the child under anaesthesia and the eradication of parental worry in their routines.

MRI scans do not have any hazards linked with them. They are usually painless and rapid, with no long-term consequences. During the scan, the scanner does not come into contact with your child. Because the scanner creates a strong magnetic field, MRI scans are not acceptable for those who have certain metal implants (such as pacemakers). This is why, before your child has the scan, we conduct a complete metal check. There is a possibility of problems with any anaesthetic, but it is quite minor. Your child's anaesthetist is a highly skilled physician who is prepared to handle any difficulties that may arise.

General anaesthesia is a medication used to put you to sleep and keep you from feeling pain during certain types of operation. The brain and body's nerve signals are disrupted by general anaesthesia. It inhibits your brain from processing pain and recalling the events of your surgery. An anesthesiologist is a professionally trained doctor who administers general anaesthetic and monitors you before, during, and after surgery. Your care may also include a nurse anaesthetist and other team members. Before a surgery or other medical procedure, general anaesthesia is a mix of drugs that puts you in a sleep-like state. Because you're fully unconscious under general anaesthesia, you don't experience any pain. The most common type of general anaesthesia is a combination of intravenous and inhaled medications.

General anaesthesia is generally considered to be quite safe; most

people, even those with major medical conditions, can safely undergo general anaesthesia. In reality, the sort of surgery you're having and your overall physical health are more directly tied to your risk of complications than the type of anaesthetic you're using. Postoperative disorientation, pneumonia, or even stroke and heart attack may be more common in older persons or those with major medical issues, especially those undergoing more complex treatments. According to various estimates, roughly one or two persons out of every 1,000 may be partially awake during general anaesthesia and experience what is known as inadvertent intraoperative awareness. Even rarer is the occurrence of pain, yet it can happen. People can't move or speak to let doctors know they're awake or in pain because of the muscle relaxants they're given before surgery. This may produce long-term psychiatric issues in some patients, akin to post-traumatic stress disorder [1-5].

## Conflict of Interest

None.

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