

## Shoulder MRI Scans

You are being sent for an MRI scan of your shoulder to better assess the joint and surrounding structures. Usually this will involve the injection of a dye (called Dotarem) into the joint. The purpose of this is to highlight certain areas of the shoulder, and it increases the accuracy of the scan and sensitivity for picking up subtle damage.

The injection is quite safe and the dye is rapidly removed from the body; the radiologist will talk to you about this in more detail on the day. They will also explain how the scan works and what you need to do so we can get the best pictures. If you are claustrophobic then let them know when booking the scan, as the radiologist can administer medication to you at the time of the scan to make the whole process easier.

*Once you know when your appointment is for the scan please contact my rooms to arrange a follow-up time to see me. That way we can go through the scan results together and make a plan regarding your ongoing treatment. Please contact Sue on (09) 5209631 to arrange this.*

If you are from out of Auckland then you may prefer for me to contact you directly to discuss the results, but please allow a minimum of 2 weeks for this to occur.

If you have any questions, please raise these with either myself or the radiologist at the time, or alternatively just contact my rooms to discuss. Otherwise we look forward to seeing you back again after the scan.

