

The MRI scanner is operated by a radiographer, who is trained in carrying out imaging investigations.

They control the scanner using a computer, which is in a different room, to keep it away from the magnetic field generated by the scanner. You'll be able to talk to the radiographer through an intercom and they'll be able to see you on a television monitor throughout the scan. At certain times during the scan, the scanner will make loud tapping noises. This is the electric current in the scanner coils being turned on and off.