Preparing for your scan
To prepare your small bowel for the study, you must not eat anything for at least 6 hours prior to your scan, and may only drink clear fluids (e.g. squash or black tea/coffee).

• Bring your completed safety questionnaire with you.
• If you suffer from diabetes, bring any medication you take and something to eat with you for after the scan. Please also notify the department so an early appointment can be made for you.
• If you have an ileostomy, bring an additional bag with you to your appointment.
• Please avoid bringing any unnecessary valuables, and where possible wear clothing with no metal fastenings attached, although we will provide a gown to wear if necessary.

During the scan:
• You will either lie on your front or back with a piece of equipment placed over your stomach and pelvis which helps take the pictures.
• You will then lie feet first in the MRI scanner for approximately 45 minutes and the table will move in and out during the examination.
• You will be given ear protection to help block out the loud noises of the scanner.
• There will be breathing instructions during all of the scans and you will need to hold your breath for about 15-20 seconds. (you may wish to practice this at home)
• If you need the toilet during the examination please use the call bell to get the attention of a member of staff.

After your scan
The images need to be examined in detail by a doctor who is specialised in reading these images, so we are unable to give you any results straight away. You will need to make a follow-up appointment with the clinician who referred you for this examination.