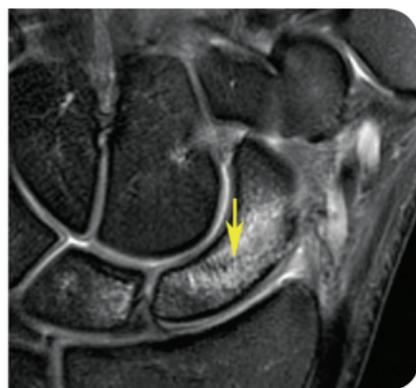
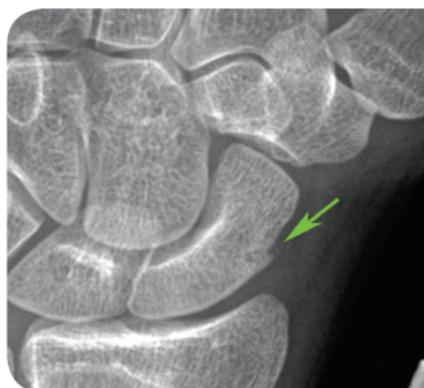




**MRI (MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGING)**



THE MRI 'QUICK SCAN'



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WITH A QUICK SCAN:

- No fracture seen on x-rays but is clinically suspected.
- 15 minute MRI 'Quick Scan' of area.
- A definitive result is obtained.
- Accurate prognosis & treatment.



CLINICAL AND X-RAY DIAGNOSIS of some fractures is often challenging at the time of injury. Patients with normal results from initial x-rays are usually reassessed after 7-10 days. This has cost and time implications and patients are often immobilised in the interim.

Although various imaging techniques exist, studies have shown that MRI is highly effective in diagnosing occult fractures, in a much earlier timeframe.

Early MRI scans are useful in the diagnosis of occult and stress fractures of the **scaphoid and wrist, radial head, talus, greater tuberosity of the humerus, the pelvis, hip and knee.**

ADVANTAGES OF AN MRI QUICK SCAN:

- **GPs & physiotherapists can refer patients directly.**
- **The MRI scan is quick:** 15 mins for most areas.
- Can be done within a week after the initial x-ray.
- **No radiation dose** (compared to repeat x-rays or a Bone Scintigram).
- **MRI provides a definitive diagnosis** leading to an accurate prognosis and appropriate treatment.
- From a patient's perspective, being in a cast, time spent at medical appointments and time off work, school or sports are all potentially reduced after an early MRI scan.

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Normal limitations of MRI scanning & safety issues apply.
- MRI is not a suitable test for young children.
- **The cost of the scan is \$250 and is not covered by ACC or health insurance.**

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT:

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