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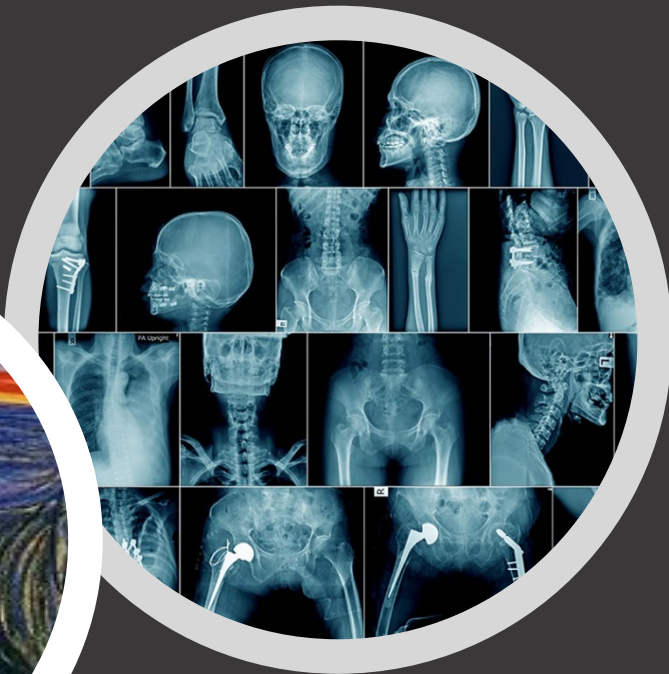
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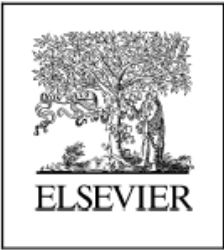
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# Children's and Parent's Perceptions of a Magnetic Resonance Imaging Examination

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**ABSTRACT:** The aim of this study was to describe children's and parents' perceptions after a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) examination. Semistructured interviews with eight children and eight parents were conducted. The interviews were analyzed using a phenomenographical approach. Both children and parents perceived a

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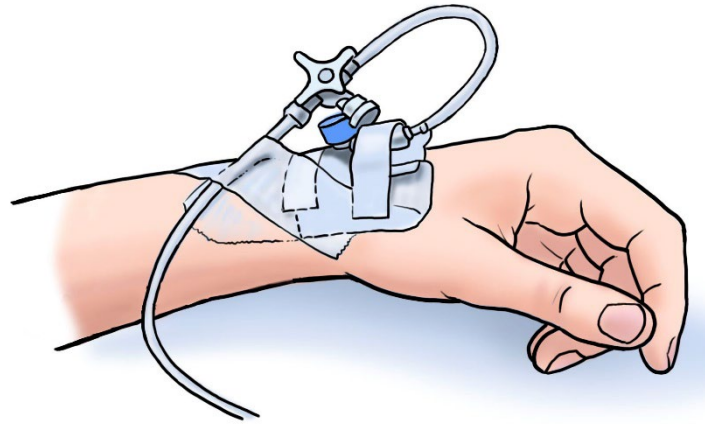
**Table 1. Categories of responses**

Description categories	Children's perceptions	Parent's perceptions
Security	Preparation Parents presence The light inside Personnel alarm	Preparation Being present Health personnel's care
Anxiety	To little preparation The MRI scanner	The sound The possibility of a failed examination
Laying still	Difficult to know how still Might fall asleep	
Information		The need to prepare their children Request for more information

MRI = magnetic resonance imaging.



# MRI is a lengthy scan & children are required to keep still



<https://academy.incision.care/courses/intravenous-iv-cannulation/info/preview>





**Family-friendly  
environment**

# Child-centered Programs

**Unique at HKCH**

**Jointly developed by  
Radiology, Sedation Team &  
Hospital Play Service**



# Preparation play is the key

- ✓ Given useful information reduces anxiety
- ✓ Aware of own strengths & develop confidence
- ✓ Reduce negative sentiments



# Play as intervention

- ✓ Employing different play tools
- ✓ Provide information through play
- ✓ Using interesting metaphors (e.g. Donut)

# Mock Scan

First and only **MRI simulator** in HK & Asia





# Home On-line Interactive Program



- COVID-19 new 'norm'
- More time to explore coping strategies
- MRI machine craft making at home
- Craft creates an imaginary space for patients
- Integrated into a new hybrid intervention format

# Early Intervention by video



# How we do it

1 month to a week  
**prior examination**

A week to a few days before examination  
(30-45mins /session)

15mins – 1 hour  
(depends on patient's condition & procedure needed)

Assessment

Early Intervention &  
Continuous Assessment

Intervention



Referral from medical team / anaesthetist

Discuss case needs

- MRI experience/ history
- Knowledge about procedure
- Emotional condition

- Home preparation play (on-line)
- Coping style
- Temperament
- Anxiety level

MRI Mock scan

**On-day support**

- Preparation play
- IV block
- distraction

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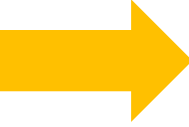
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HPS discuss with nurse about patient's concerns and readiness

- Less time constraint for early intervention
- HPS facilitates smooth engagement

- Flexible time management
- Teamwork
- Radiology team could plan according to patient readiness

Referral from medical team / anaesthetist  
Discuss case needs

- Home play
- Temperature
- Anxiety level



## Effectiveness of mock scanners and preparation programs for successful magnetic resonance imaging: a systematic review and meta-analysis

### Abstract

This review aimed to summarise the effectiveness of preparation programs for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in children using mock scanners and the success rates by systematically reviewing the current literature. We initially identified 67 articles using the search terms “MRI,” “mock” and “child” on online databases. All studies involving a preparation program for MRI on children ages 18 years or younger, healthy children and those with medical diagnoses were included. The authors extracted data on study design, participant data, details of the MRI protocol and the total numbers of patients who underwent preparation programs and were scanned while awake, without sedation or general anesthesia. Twenty-three studies were included in this review. Preparation programs included in-home and hospital/research facility components; these consisted of a mock scanner, explanatory booklets, recorded MRI scan sounds and other educational materials. The success rate of MRI after the preparation program reported in each study ranged from 40% to 100%. When all participants from studies that specifically assessed the efficacy of preparation programs were combined, participants who underwent a preparation program ( $n = 196$ ) were more likely to complete a successful MRI than those who did not undergo a preparation program ( $n = 263$ ) (odds ratio [OR] = 1.98). Our results suggest that preparation programs may help reduce the risk of children failing MRI scans.

**Keywords** Anesthesia · Children · Magnetic resonance imaging · Meta-analysis · Mock scanner · Role playing · Sedation · Simulation · Systematic review

# Multidisciplinary collaboration & early engagement reduce obstacles

## 6Y/M; referred by Dr. V

### 1<sup>st</sup> intervention

Meet outside the hospital @HPS Office

**Aim to build rapport**

Developmental play: drawing & role play

Assessment: Clear on MRI procedure, but scared and anxious about the hospital



### 2<sup>nd</sup> intervention

Mock scan in HKCH

**Aim to familiarise with the hospital setting, feel relaxed and interested**

Prepared the play tools using mini bus theme

Patient pretended to be a driver and 'drove' all around the MRI center with an 'MRI suite road map'

Reward token scheme

**Aim to encourage and enhance the interaction with medical staff as passengers**

Outcome: Unsuccessful mock scan (unable to even sit on the bed), improved rapport & trust with med staff



# Multidisciplinary collaboration & early engagement reduce obstacles

## 3<sup>rd</sup> intervention

Zoom meeting before the schedule appointment day

**Aim to help him recall memory on the hospital routine, environment and teach the coping strategies (e.g. deep breathe, hug his favourite toys, reward scheme)**

Outcome: patient recalled hospital setting and procedure, practised deep breathing with HPS

## Procedure Scheduled day

HPS on Zoom while medical staff at hospital

Patient brought his favourite toys

All medical staff gave the patient a sticker



Hybrid  
Intervention  
Mode

# Early online intervention on preparation shows better outcome

7Y/F, Precocious puberty

## Assessment

- Patient expressed she was scared and did not want MRI
- Indifferent and did not answer or ask questions
- Patient had little understanding of the procedure

## Intervention

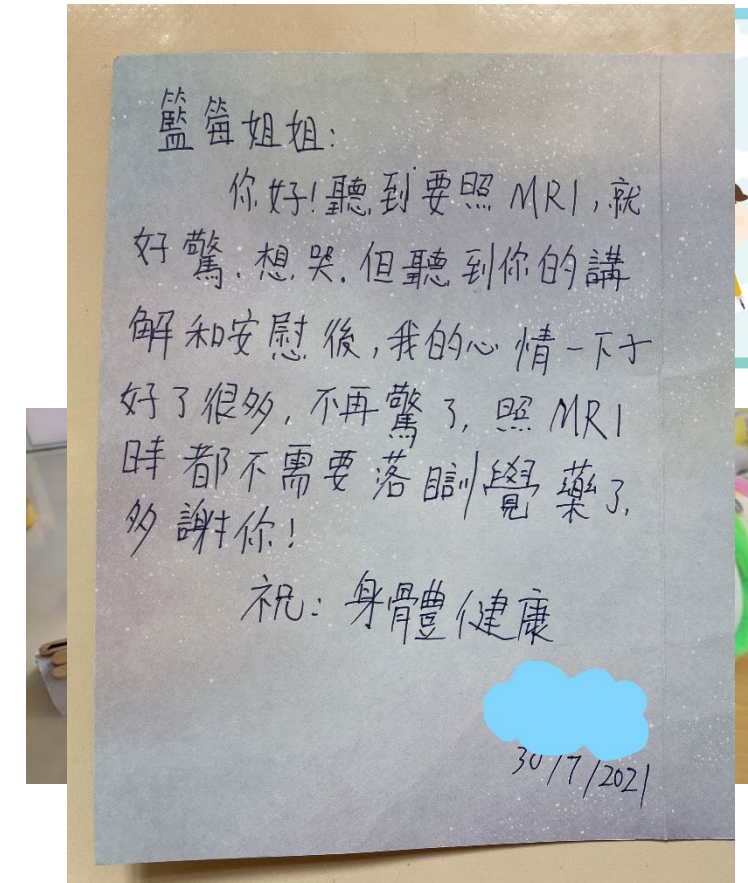
HPS talked about what MRI was by using online play materials

## Outcome

- Patient's emotion and reaction became more positive
- Express her feelings on the day

## Results

- Successful scan without sedation
- Thank you card!





# Playright @HKCH Radiology

Type of services	Total beneficiaries	Age range		Type of intervention	
Online support (5/2020 - 4/2022)	137	0-3 yr	0	Preparation play (MRI)	115
		4-8yr	85		
		9-12yr	50	Distraction play	52
		Above 12	2	Emotional support	4
*On-site support (4/2019 - 1/2022; 5/2022 - 9/2022)	178	0-3 yr	13	Preparation play (MRI)	204
		4-8yr	89		
		9-12yr	102	Distraction play	131
		Above 12	65	Preparation play (IV)	33
				Emotional support	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>338</b>				

# Impact of HPS intervention

Results at Caritas Medical Center, Hong Kong

Successful rate of MRI with and without play intervention from year 2013 to Aug 2019

Year	Total Patients N	Successful Rate N (%)	No Sedation N (%)	Oral Sedation N (%)	IV Sedation N (%)	Oral + IV Sedation N (%)	Patient required sedation N (%)
2013 to Feb 2017 (No play intervention)	51	48 (94.1%)	10 (19.6%)	18 (35.3%)	5 (9.8%)	11 (21.7%)	41 (80.4%)
May 2017 to July 2019 (With play intervention)	60	58 (96.7%)	38 (63.3%)	8 (13.3%)	5 (8.3%)	9 (15%)	22 (36.7%)

# Feedback from staff and parents

The girl is quite emotional and full of fears and anxieties. She screamed even for a gentle touch from the nurse. She had previous history of screaming though out an CT scan.

Today, the Playright specialist helped her to recall memory of how the MRI exam would run; talked with her to relieve a bit her anxiety. The MRI procedure today should be the best experience she ever had because she was more willing to listen to our instructions. The image quality was good due to her cooperation.

I have called the case nurse and given a recommendation to apply Playright or other hospital play services for this poor girl in the future imaging appointments, not only MRI. I wish the Playright support can help the girl building trust to hospital staff and being more prepared to the imaging and other procedures.

## 自由書

家長和小朋友都可以表達你對醫院遊戲服務的意見和感受!

特別鳴謝 SS 姐姐和 Y 姐姐  
的愛心、耐性，甚至小朋友

MRI 后，在電梯口碰見媽媽

前來問候，安慰，謝謝

I have to report to you about the big success of our first e-Play or e-HPS today. Using Zoom in iPad, our play specialists helped a 9 yo girl coping with her MRI exam, especially on the procedure of needle puncture. The girl was keen to join the e-Play when I asked her mother. I worried for their long waiting time but PCA told me "妹妹而家同Playright玩得好happy". So Radi needs Playright

- Esther Poon (Radiographer, RAD)

病童有兩位遊戲師陪著，只站在床尾，就好像Ketamine and midazolam (鎮靜劑)一樣

- Iris (Radiographer, HKCH)



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# Thank you!

