

MRI PATIENT INFORMATION FORM

Call 716.649.9000 to schedule your appointment.



WHAT IS A MRI SCAN?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a common type of medical imaging that uses magnetic fields and radio waves (instead of x-rays or radiation) to take very detailed pictures of the organs, bones and tissues within the body.

WHAT TO EXPECT DURING MY MRI SCAN:

A typical scan is 30 to 45 minutes per body part. You will be asked to lie still and may need to hold your breath for 30 sec.

The magnet is open on both ends. The room is well lit, kept cool, and there is a fan. There is also an intercom system for communication between patient and technologist.

During the actual imaging, you will hear a loud intermittent banging noise. You will be provided with earplugs, head phones or music to minimize the noise. You will also have an alarm button if you experience extreme discomfort.

Some MRI exams require an injection of contrast. Inform the technologist if you experience any discomfort at any time.

After your exam:

If a dye injection is used, the IV is removed before you go. Allergic reaction is extremely rare. If you experience a rash, hives, or shortness of breath, call your doctor or go to the nearest hospital. If you are sedated you will require a driver.

ALERT YOUR DOCTOR PRIOR TO YOUR MRI IF:

- >> You are or may be pregnant.
- >> You are claustrophobic.
- >> You have a pacemaker or an artificial valve.
- >> You have orthopedic metal, shrapnel or bullet wounds.
- >> You have diabetes or kidney problems.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MRI EXAM:

There is little preparation for an MRI exam.

- >> Take your daily medications unless instructed otherwise.
- >> Eat normally unless instructed otherwise.
- >> If dye is being used for contrast, you will be given instructions when you schedule your appointment.
- >> **Please arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your exam.**

You will need to complete the MRI screening form which will be reviewed by a technologist and a radiologist. You may be asked to change into a hospital gown. If MRI contrast is indicated for the exam, an IV catheter will be inserted in your arm by a nurse or technologist.

Please make every effort to keep your appointment. If you must reschedule, notify our office at least 24 hours in advance.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CARING FOR YOU.

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