

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI)

A MRI scan is a test that provides images of the internal structures of the body utilizing a combination of a magnetic field and radio frequencies.

This procedure can only be performed by a licensed Radiology Technologist who has received specialized training in magnetic resonance imaging.

CONTRAINDICATIONS:

- Cardiac pacemakers
- Aneurysm clip in the brain
- Artificial cardiac valves
- Ear implants
- Cataract surgery/implant
- Personal history of working with metal.

PATIENT INSTRUCTIONS:

The procedure takes approximately 45-minutes and requires the patient to lie still for a prolonged period of time. If patients are claustrophobic, they may need to obtain a prescription for light sedation from their Ordering Provider.

Patients must complete the MRI questionnaire form prior to their appointment. This questionnaire is vital in determining any possible contraindications of the procedure.

EXAM RESULTS:

Patient results will be communicated by the Ordering Physician. Original reports will be sent to the Ordering Physician within (2) days of the exam. Reports will be auto-faxed or sent via the EHR to the Ordering Provider. Patients will be notified by the technologist performing their study that they will be notified of their exam results by the Ordering Physician. The patient should contact the Ordering Provider if they do not receive their test results within a two week timeframe.

PATIENT FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY:

Patients will be presented with an Advanced Beneficiary Notice at the time of their visit indicating their financial responsibility if the study is not covered by their insurance carrier. The ABN will be maintained as part of the patient's medical record.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Eastside Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis:
Monday through Friday, 7:00 am –5:00 pm

Contrast studies are only performed when a Radiologist is on the premises (Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 5:00 pm).

Northwest Imaging:

Exams are performed on a scheduled appointment basis:

Monday through Friday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm

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