

# MRI Patients

Thank you so much for your business. We hope you feel that you receive exceptional care while at our facility. We would like to help you better understand our MRI procedure so that we may provide you with the best service possible.

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Healthcare information we will need from your physician:

- An order with a valid ICD-9 code, faxed to 214-442-7075.
- A pre-certification number from your insurance provider. This may be written on the order or called in to our benefits coordinator at 214-442-7070.

Our benefits coordinator will call your insurance company once we have this information. We will then contact you so you will know the amount your insurance will cover and what amount you will be responsible for.

Contraindications:

For safety reasons, patients with the following will not be able to have an MRI:

- Cardiac pacemaker and/or defibrillator
- Tissue expander (including breast)
- Aneurysm clip
- Any implanted or non-removable electronic or magnetic device (ie: neurostimulator, biostimulator, mechanical artificial heart valves, cochlear implant, etc.)
- Artificial joints or spinal fixation devices placed surgically within the past 6 months (including: pins, rods, screws, nails, plates, wires)
- Metal shavings in the eye

Because each MRI patient receives a gadolinium based imaging contrast that is injected intravenously, we also are unable to scan:

- Pregnant or nursing patients (The potential risks of this type of contrast injection are currently unknown in pregnant and lactating women, but some studies have shown that the contrast could negatively affect the fetus. It is also possible that this contrast could be

passed to a nursing child through the mother's breast milk. For this reason, our policy is not to scan pregnant or nursing patients.)

- Patients with elevated creatinine levels or moderate to significant chronic renal disease (There is documented evidence of severe complications in patients with chronically elevated creatinine levels, as determined by age and weight ratios. These complications can include contrast-induced nephropathy, dialysis, and death. We will not scan patients with elevated creatinine levels, currently on dialysis, or in advanced renal failure. Please have recent serum creatinine levels available if applicable.)

Day of your MRI appointment:

- Please eat normally and drink hydrating, non-caffeinated fluids the day of your exam both before and after the procedure.
- We request that you arrive 20 minutes early for your MRI exam to allow adequate time for registration and prep.
- We will start an IV with a slow saline drip. This affords us easy access for the contrast injection during the scan.
- Due to the temperature requirements of the magnet, the scan room is cold. You may be most comfortable in elastic waist pants and socks.
- We offer music during the scan. You may want to bring your favorite, most relaxing CD for the scan.
- We will ask that removable dental work and hearing aids be removed before entering the scan room. We will also ask that any body piercing jewelry, necklaces, watches, and bracelets be removed.

We hope you find this MRI information pertinent and helpful. If you have any additional questions, please contact us at 214-442-7050.