



MRI

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Imaging Services MRI Department	Prep Instructions
NOTE: If possible convert IV's to INT. If fluids need to be continued, be sure it has extension tubing. <u>No IV pumps are allowed in MRI.</u> If patient is receiving heparin or other critical drugs, obtain order to be off drip during exam or obtain order to delay.	* No special preps for exams; however, patients must go through MRI screening procedure.
MRI Screening Questions	Precautions
1. Have you ever been a machinist, welder, or metalworker? If so, have you ever had metal removed from your eye(s)?	If yes, patient must have orbit clearance x-rays performed prior to the MRI.
2. Have you ever been hit in the eye with a piece of metal (including metal shavings, slivers, bullets or BBs)?	If yes, patient must have orbit clearance x-rays performed prior to the MRI.
3. Are you pregnant or possibly pregnant?	If yes, the exam must be cleared through the MRI Department.
4. Do you have a pacemaker, defibrillator, neuro (nerve) stimulator or bone stimulator?	If yes, an MRI exam <u>must not be performed</u> under any circumstances.
5. Do you have chest wires, implanted catheters or tubes?	If yes, the exam must be cleared through the MRI Department.
6. Do you have a cardiac valve prosthesis, (artificial heart valve), brain or aneurysm clip?	If yes, you must obtain manufacturing information. The patient should have a card containing the necessary information. You must call the MRI Department to have the exam cleared.
7. Do you have an eye or ear implant?	If yes, you must have the exam cleared through the MRI Department.
8. Do you have any internal metal (shrapnel)?	If yes, you must have the exam cleared through the MRI Department.
9. Are you claustrophobic?	If yes, special arrangements may need to be made when scheduling appointment (i.e. sedation, specialized MRI Unit, etc.)