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MRI/MRA Information

No special preparation is needed prior to the exam, unless your physician has given you additional instructions. You will be asked to complete a safety screening form and answer questions pertaining to your medical history. If you are having an MRI or MRA **with** contrast you may need to have bloodwork prior to the exam.

You will require bloodwork for any MRI/MRA done **with contrast** if you have a history of:

- Hypertension
- Diabetes
- Are over the age of 60
- Liver problems
- Kidney problems

If we do not have the results of your bloodwork prior to your test, your appointment will have to be rescheduled. Please contact our office at 516-887-3516 ext.: 120 if you did not receive a prescription to complete the required bloodwork or if you did not schedule your lab appointment.

Before an MRI exam, eat normally and continue to take your usual medications, unless otherwise instructed. You will be asked to change into a gown, or you may choose to wear loose clothing without zippers or metallic parts. You will be asked to remove:

- Jewelry
- Hairpins
- Eyeglasses
- Watches
- Wigs (including hair extension)
- Dentures
- Hearing aids
- Underwire bras
- Wallets, credit/debit cards

IMPORTANT: PRECAUTIONS

MR is a non-invasive and safe test. As MR works with strong magnet and radio waves, you must notify us if anything of the following applies to you or the person that accompanies you into the exam room:

- Aneurysm (clips)
- Cardiac pacemaker
- Implanted cardioverter defibrillator
- Electronic implant or device
- Magnetically-activated implant or device
- Neuro-stimulation system
- Spinal cord simulator
- Cochlear implant or implanted hearing aid
- Insulin or infusion pump
- Implanted drug infusion device
- Any type of prosthesis or implant
- Artificial or prosthetic limb
- Any metallic fragment or foreign body
- Any external or internal metallic object
- Hearing aid

The actual testing time is dependent upon whether the test is ordered with or without contrast. Testing time can take anywhere from 25 minutes to one hour.

AFTER THE TEST

After the test you may request a copy of your films in CD format to keep for your personal records.

PLEASE ARRIVE 20 MINUTES PRIOR TO YOUR APPOINTMENT TIME TO COMPLETE REQUIRED PAPERWORK.

For patients without insurance, payment is required the day of testing unless prior payment arrangements have been made in advance.

Patients are responsible for any co-pay, deductible and/or co-insurance.

FOR PROCEDURE CODES CONTACT OUR OFFICE