



MRI Patient Information Sheet

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) uses radiofrequency waves and a strong magnetic field to provide clear and detailed pictures of internal organs and tissues. Using highly specialized equipment, the MRI exam can be tailored to address the particular medical question being asked by you and your physician.

Before your exam

- You will be required to complete an MRI screening form that your technologist will review prior to your exam. If your doctor has prescribed medication for sedation or pain for you to take prior to your MRI, you must complete the screening form **BEFORE** you take the medicine. If you would like to complete the form before arriving for your MRI appointment, you may print it from our website: <http://www.cooperclinic.com/radiology.html>.
- Most implanted devices are considered safe for MRI; **however, there are a few devices that are not safe.** If you have a pacemaker, defibrillator, or cerebral aneurysm clip, you will not be eligible for the exam. Please alert your physician if you have any of these devices. Additionally, devices implanted during surgery, such as cardiac stents, must be in place for at least 8 weeks prior to your MRI exam.
- There are no fasting requirements for most MRI exams. You may eat, drink, and take your medications as prescribed.
- If your exam is an MRCP (Magnetic resonance cholangiopancreatography) you will be required to abstain from food and drink 4 hours prior to your exam. MRCP is a relatively new technique for viewing the bile ducts, the pancreatic duct and the gallbladder. No contrast medium has to be administered for MRCP.
- Some MRI exams will require that you receive an injection of contrast. If you are above the age of 60 or have had kidney problems, it may be necessary to have blood drawn in the lab prior to the MRI to check your kidney function. **A previous history of kidney failure, dialysis, or liver transplant will prohibit you from receiving the contrast injection.** Please inform your physician and technologist of this prior to the exam.
- If you are claustrophobic and require sedation, you will need to make arrangements with your physician for the medication prior to your exam date. If you will be sedated, you must have a driver with you to take you home.

Day of your exam

- During your exam, you will be positioned on a table that will travel into an open-ended tunnel where you remain for the duration of the exam. The machine will be very loud. We will provide hearing protection for you.
- The MRI exam usually only lasts 15 minutes, but can take up to 45 minutes, depending on the type of exam you are receiving.

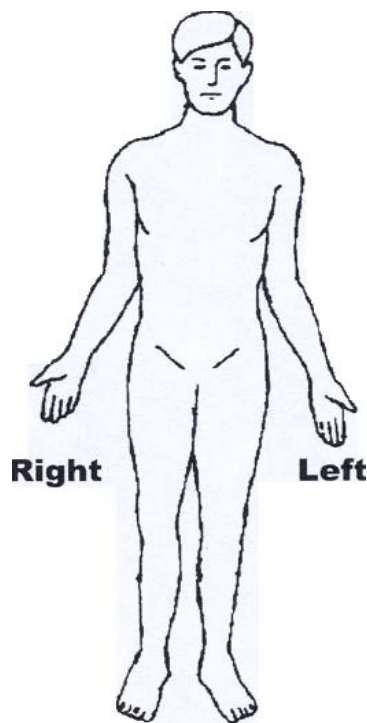
Should you have any further questions or concerns, please contact us at 1-800-333-1305 or 479-274-2805.

PLEASE NOTE: Some of the following items may be hazardous to your safety and some can interfere with the MRI examination.

Do you have any of the following?

- * Yes No Cardiac pacemaker
- * Yes No Implanted cardiac defibrillator
- * Yes No Aneurysm clip(s)
- * Yes No Neurostimulator
- * Yes No Bone growth/fusion stimulator
- * Yes No Cochlear, otologic, or ear implant
- * Yes No Any implant held in place by a magnet
 - Yes No Carotid artery vascular clamp
 - Yes No Insulin or infusion pump
 - Yes No Implanted drug infusion device
 - Yes No Any type of prosthesis (eye, penile, etc.)
 - Yes No Artificial limb or joint
 - Yes No Electrodes (on body, head, or brain)
 - Yes No Intravascular stents, filters, or coils
 - Yes No Shunt (spinal or intraventricular)
 - Yes No Swan-Ganz catheter
 - Yes No Transdermal delivery system (Nitro)
 - Yes No IUD or diaphragm
 - Yes No Tattoos or Tattooed makeup (eyeliner, lips, etc.)
 - Yes No Body piercing(s), (*Remove before MRI*)
 - Yes No Any metal fragments
 - Yes No Internal pacing wires
 - Yes No Metal or wire mesh implants
 - Yes No Pins, screws, rods, or any other hardware
 - Yes No Metallic fragments in your eyes
 - Yes No Hearing aid (*Remove before MRI*)
 - Yes No Dentures (*Remove before MRI*)
 - Yes No Pregnancy or breastfeeding
 - Yes No Allergic reaction to MRI contrast agent
 - Yes No Are you currently undergoing dialysis
 - Yes No Have you been diagnosed with Renal Failure

Please mark on the figure below, the location of any implant or metal inside of or on your body.



Other, please explain: _____

I, the undersigned have answered the above questions accurately. I understand that all metallic objects including: jewelry, credit cards, eyeglasses, pins, watches, phones, pagers and dentures, must be removed prior to entering the MRI scan room. A secure location will be provided for my personal belongings. I also give my permission to undergo this exam and, if necessary, to receive the contrast injection that may accompany it.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Patient, parent, or legal guardian)

Reviewed by **Technologist:** _____

* Ineligible to have MRI Exam