

MRI Appointment Instructions
To cancel or reschedule an appointment, please call: 301-295-6585

Patient name: _____

Date of appointment: _____ **Time:** _____

Department Policies

The statements below are provided to all patients receiving an appointment in MRI, so they are aware of our policies and limitations. Please understand that these policies were developed to accommodate all patients and provide the best possible medical care.

Late Policy: Please plan to arrive 30 minutes before your scheduled appointment. If you are unable to arrive on time, please call the MRI Front Desk at 301-295-6585. However, if you are more than 15 minutes late, we will do everything to accommodate your exam, but we may have to reschedule or move your exam to a later time slot.

Children: Children under the age of 12 years must have another adult caregiver present. Please do not bring your child/children without a caregiver. Children are not permitted in the exam rooms.

Medical History: Your technologist will ask you questions about your symptoms and medical history in order to optimize your examination. Please make sure you inform your technologist about any metal implants you may have. All patients will be asked about any metal implants they may have. (i.e. Pacemakers, Defibrillator, Aneurysm Clips, Internal Med Pump)

What is an MRI?

An MRI is a procedure that uses radio frequencies and a large magnet to provide detailed images of body structures and pathology.

Patient Instructions:

Please notify your doctor if you are claustrophobic, if you have a pacemaker, if you have metal implants, aneurysm clips or surgical staples, if you are pregnant or have ever had a bullet wound or metal in your eyes.

What to Expect:

Upon arrival you will need to remove all jewelry and metal objects (i.e. hairpins, barrettes, hearing aids, eyeglasses and dental wear) If Gadolinium contrast is required, an intravenous (IV) line will be started in your hand or arm. You will be monitored at all times and will have access to a call button so you can let the staff know if there are any problems. The MRI machine makes a loud noise, so you will be asked to wear protective equipment for your ears to block out the noise and allow the staff to communicate with you. It is very important to remain still and you may be asked to hold your breath at times. The procedure usually lasts approximately 45 minutes.