Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is an imaging diagnostic system using radio waves, a magnetic field, and a computer to visualize internal organs of the human body and obtain diagnostic information.

What to Expect During Your Appointment

Metallic Materials
All metallic materials and certain clothing around the body should be removed as they may interfere with the procedure or clarity of the images.

Short Exam Time
An MRI exam typically takes less than one hour, depending on the images requested.

Contrast Agent
If request by your physician, you may receive a harmless contrast agent injection which is used to acquire a clearer picture.

Remaining Still
Help us ensure picture clarity by remaining still and by breathing normally while the magnet operates.

Occasional Noise
You will hear occasional noise. Do not be alarmed as these sounds are normal.

Get Your Results
Our center will contact your physician once your images are produced. Only your physician can discuss your results with you.

Common MRI Applications

MRI exams are quick and safe, and the images produced by MRI scans provide some of the most details pictures available of the human body. Specifically, doctors find MRI images particularly helpful in evaluating and treating the following conditions:

- Brain Disorders
- Abdominal Disease
- Spine Disease
- Infections
- Tumors
- Cardiac Malformations
- Blood flow and vessel disorders
- Musculoskeletal disorders
EXAMINATION PREPARATION

It is extremely important that you follow these instructions for your exam.

How to Prepare For Your Appointment

Eating Normally
Prior to your exam you may eat normally.

Wearing Of Accessories
You will be asked to remove all jewelry, glasses, hearing aids, hair pins, and other metallic objects. We provide you with your own locker for your belongings. You may also be asked to remove dentures and wigs.

Taking Medications
You may continue to take any medication prescribed by your doctor, unless otherwise directed. The only exception is MRI of the Abdomen.

Clothing For The Exam
For your convenience, please dress appropriately. Consider wearing comfortable clothing that does not have any zippers, clasps, or metallic decoration. You may be asked to wear a cloth gown.

Alert Your Physician or An Akumin Staff Member

Women should always inform their physician and technologist if they are breastfeeding or possibly pregnant.

You should alert your physician or an Akumin staff member, if you have any metallic implants or any item from this list.

- Neurostimulator (TENS unit)
- Surgical Staples
- Shrapnel or Bullet wounds
- Aneurysm Clips
- Internal defibrillator
- Pacemaker
- Implanted drug infusion devise
- Permanent Eyeliner
- Any other metallic implants

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