

ABOUT YOUR MRI

You have been scheduled to undergo a MRI examination at Memorial Medical Center located at 216 Sunset Place, Neillsville, WI

on: _____

at: _____

YOUR MRI EXAM

MRI is a way of allowing your physician to see inside your body without surgery or radiation. MRI uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves. There are no known biological hazards associated with MRI.

PRIOR TO YOUR SCAN

Because certain factors may interfere with an MRI scan, and may be dangerous to your health, please pay particular attention to the list of specific items below and check any that apply to you:

- cardiac pacemaker
- ear implants
- heart valve/surgery
- dental braces
- brain aneurysm clips
- pregnancy
- neurostimulators
- head surgery
- recent cold or cough
- claustrophobia
- metallic fragment(s) within the eye
- broken bones treated with metal rods, plates, pins
- works or worked with metal (welder/grinder)
- surgery within the past 6 weeks
- inability to lie still or flat on your back for approximately 30-45 minutes

THANK YOU

Thank you for choosing Memorial Medical Center for your MRI procedure.

We continue to work hard and expand our consultant base to minimize your time spent on travel and provide you with convenient local care. We are making you our #1 Priority!

For more information or to make an appointment, please call the clinic at (715) 743-3101.

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Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

WHERE TO GO FOR YOUR MRI SCAN

Please report to admissions. You will then be directed or taken to the scanning area. For things to run smoothly and in a timely manner, arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled appointment.

PREPARING FOR YOUR MRI SCAN

There are no special preparations for most MRI scans. You may continue taking any prescribed medications. Please do not wear eye makeup if having an MRI scan of your head. Wear comfortable clothing, preferably without zippers or snaps.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR SCAN

If you have any questions or concerns prior to your exam, please call the Neillsville Clinic Diagnostic Imaging Department at (715) 743-3101.

BEFORE THE PROCEDURE

You will be asked to complete and sign an MRI Safety Screening Form. The technologist will ask you questions related to your health history. Please provide as complete a history as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about the exam, please feel free to ask the technologist before the exam has begun.

To ensure your safety, the technologist may also repeat a number of the items listed on the Screening Form.

You will be asked to remove all metal objects, including all body piercings, before the exam. Purses, billfolds and personal items will be placed in a security box.

Please use the restroom prior to your exam appointment. Once the exam has begun, any interruption may result in restarting the exam.



THE PROCEDURE

A technologist will position you as comfortably as possible on the scanning table. Depending on the body part to be examined, you will enter the scanner either feet-first or head-first, as the part to be examined must be in the center of the magnet for the machine to work properly. You will be given earplugs to muffle the loud tapping noises of the machine. You may also be given an alert bulb so you may summon the technologist at any time during the exam.

The technologist will perform your exam from an adjoining control room. You will be able to communicate with the technologist with the aid of the alert bulb and an intercom system. It is important that once the technologist positions you for the exam you remain very still and breathe normally. Throughout the exam you will hear loud knocking noises within the machine.

You may be required to have an injection during the process of the exam. This injection is generally in your arm and consists of a contrast material that will highlight certain structures in your body (the contrast generally has very few adverse effects.) The radiologist and/or your doctor will determine if the contrast material is necessary based on your personal history. Each MRI exam requires several sets of images, called sequences, which may last for several minutes. The average exam will take 30-45 minutes.

AFTER YOUR MRI SCAN

You should arrange to get the results of the exam from your doctor, as he/she will receive a report. You should feel no side effects from the scan and may go about your normal daily routine.

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