

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MRI

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1<sup>st</sup> MRI

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DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRIVAL TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

DURATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DURATION: \_\_\_\_\_ DURATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTRAST: YES NO CONTRAST: YES NO CONTRAST: YES NO

**PLEASE ARRIVE AT THE ABOVE LISTED TIME. ARRIVING EARLIER MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL WAIT.**

If you arrive and the front door is locked, please call 913-827-4271 and an attendant will let you in.

Limit the amount of fluids you drink prior to your exam. It may not be possible to use the restroom until your exam is complete.

Please do not wear any makeup if you are having a MRI of the Brain or MRA Circle of Willis.

All jewelry (except for wedding band) MUST be removed. This includes earrings, hairpins, necklace, bracelets, piercings, etc

If I must cancel my MRI appointment, I understand that it is my responsibility to cancel at least 24 hours in advance (AT LEAST ONE BUSINESS DAY – MONDAY THRU FRIDAY) and that if I do not, there will be a \$250.00 charge to cover the expense.

X You signed this in the New Patient Paperwork

TO RE-SCHEDULE OR CANCEL YOUR APPOINTMENT, PLEASE CALL Amber (913) 827-4241 BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 4 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.



# MRI CENTER INFORMATION

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[www.neurokc.com](http://www.neurokc.com)

SCHEDULING: 913-897-4241 8:00am-4:00pm

PHONE: 913-827-4271 Before 8:00am, Evenings & Weekends

## What is an MRI?

- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a non-invasive way to look inside your body without using X-rays. Instead, it uses a magnet, radio waves and a computer to scan your body and produce detailed pictures that cannot be seen on conventional X-ray.
- Once a decision to image the patient has been made based on the outcome of a history and physical examination of the patient, there are four important elements we consider when ordering and performing the neuroimaging.
  - 1) The careful selection of which body part to image and the selection of the particular MRI or MRA protocol and sequences needed to evaluate the patient's symptoms.
  - 2) The use of highly trained and experienced certified technicians – even the best equipment does not insure that the image quality will be achieved without the experience of qualified technicians.
  - 3) The use of an accredited (ACR or ICAMRL) Neuroimaging Center – this assures that the equipment and procedures used meet a high level of competency and that procedures are in place to constantly evaluate and improve quality.
  - 4) Fellowship trained or Board Certified Neuroimaging/Neuroradiologist interpreting the images. A general radiologist who is minimally trained in MRI and in particular central nervous system MRI will not give us the quality we expect or patients deserve.

## What can I expect?

- When you arrive, a technologist will ask you to remove anything metallic such as a hearing aid, partial plate, jewelry or hairpins. **Ladies**, if you are having a **MRI Brain** or **MRA Circle of Willis**, please do not wear any make-up. You can store your credit cards, watches, coins and keys in a lock-box for safekeeping. You may be asked to fill out a safety questionnaire if you have not already done so. **Please arrive at the time listed on the front of your MRI packet.**

## What happens during the examination?

- A technologist will assist you onto an automatic scanning table. You will lie on your back for the duration of the exam. It is important that you do not move during the exam. The table will then slide into the opening of the magnet. You will not feel a thing, but you will hear a bumping and knocking noise and the turn of the machine. This is normal.

## How long does it take?

- The length of the time your examination will take varies depending on what test(s) your doctor ordered. For example:

<input type="radio"/> Brain	45 minutes	50 minutes
<input type="radio"/> Brain with contrast	60 minutes	65 minutes
<input type="radio"/> Cervical Spine	50 minutes	
<input type="radio"/> Cervical Spine with contrast	70 minutes	
<input type="radio"/> Thoracic Spine	60 minutes	If over 220 lbs 65 minutes
<input type="radio"/> Thoracic Spine with contrast	85 minutes	If over 220 lbs 90 minutes
<input type="radio"/> Lumbar Spine	40 minutes	If over 220 lbs 45 minutes
<input type="radio"/> Lumbar Spine with contrast	60 minutes	If over 200 lbs 65 minutes
<input type="radio"/> MRA – Circle of Willis	35 minutes	
<input type="radio"/> MRA – Carotid Arteries	30 minutes	
<input type="radio"/> Other: _____	___ minutes	

It is not unusual for your doctor to order more than one MRI or MRA exam. If your testing should take more than **30 minutes**, you should limit the amount of fluids you drink on the day of the exam.

## When a contrast agent is needed

- In some cases, your doctor may order a contrast (imaging enhancement) agent. This is a fluid injected into a vein. It will usually be done during the latter part of your exam. It helps to make the details in MRI images clearer and is standard procedure for some types of MRI scans.

## When a duplicate copy of scan is needed

- The first copy of scan(s) is provided at no charge to the patient. If additional copies are needed, the charge is \$7.50 and is due at time of order. Please allow a minimum of 48 hours for copies.

This notice serves as a disclosure to you, the patient, that the advanced imaging service(s) (MRI, CT, & PET) that has been ordered for you may be obtained from a person other than the referring physician or his/her group practice. The list below represents five (5) other offices nearby – specifically, within a 25-mile radius of the place of the referral – that also provide the prescribed advanced imaging service(s). This list is not exhaustive, and inclusion on this list in no way implies endorsement or recommendation of these other suppliers\*.

1. Diagnostic Radiology Institute of Kansas City  
6444 Metcalf, Overland Park, KS 66202  
(913) 831-0509
2. Premier Imaging  
373 W 101<sup>st</sup> Terrace, Ste 160, Kansas City, MO 64114  
(816) 941-1400
3. College Park Family Care  
10600 Mastin, Overland Park, KS 66212  
(913) 956-4200
4. Rock Creek Imaging  
712 First Terrace, Ste 100, Lansing, KS 66043  
(913) 351-4674
5. Northland Imaging  
5500 N Oak Trafficway, Ste 101, Kansas City, MO 64118  
(816) 452-4674

\*Reasonable efforts have been made to ensure that the suppliers listed above are viable options for all patients for the services being referred.