



MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is an MRI?

MRI stands for Magnetic Resonance Imaging. It uses a strong magnetic field to create detailed images of the inside of your body.

2. What should I wear to my MRI?

- Wear comfortable, sweatpant-material clothing that has no metal. This includes avoiding zippers, buttons, snaps, metal closures, metal studs, belts, underwire bras, and sports bras with metal.
- Brands like Lululemon and Under Armour may also be problematic as they contain metal woven into the fabric. Remove all jewelry if possible.
- We have a changing room and a locker to secure your personal items, including your purse, wallet, watch, and cell phone.

3. How will I be positioned in the MRI machine?

- Foot, Ankle, Lower Leg, Knee, Thigh: Feet first, on your back, with your head out of the machine.
- Hips: Feet first, on your back, with your head just inside the machine.
- Pelvis: Feet first, with your head inside the machine. Tilting your head back may allow you to see out.
- L Spine: Feet first, fully inside the machine, on your back.
- Cervical + T Spine: Head first, on your back.
- Wrist, Elbow: Head first, on your stomach.
- Shoulder: Head first, on your back.

4. Are there any important reminders I should be aware of?

- The body part being scanned will be in the center of the machine.
- Music is allowed for most exams except for cervical spine and stomach positions.

5. Do I need to fast before my MRI?

No, fasting is not required.

6. When will I receive my results?

Results are typically available within 24-48 hours.

7. How early should I arrive for my appointment?

It is very important to arrive 15 minutes prior to your arrival time. This time is used for using the bathroom, changing clothing and reviewing the screening form.

If you have any other questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact our MRI reception at 262.303.5041.