

When you shouldn't have an MRI . . .

If you have a Cardiac Pacemaker you CANNOT have an MRI. If you have had any kind of surgery, have any foreign object in your body now or previously, or have had certain cosmetic procedures, you should consult with your doctor before scheduling an MRI. Objects, devices or procedures, which may prevent you from having an MRI, include:

- Cardiac pacemakers or defibrillators
- Artificial heart valves
- Some types of vascular stents and shunts
- Certain metal rods, pins, plates
- Certain intrauterine devices, such as Copper 7 IUD
- Aneurysm clips
- Certain gunshot fragments, shrapnel
- Ear or eye implants
- Tattooed or permanent eyeliner
- Anyone who has had fragments of metal or metallic flakes in their eyes due to welding, sheet-metal work, etc., will need an x-ray before an MRI.

For answers to questions
about your MRI:
(540) 829-4175

Your MRI is scheduled:

Date _____

Time _____

Please arrive 30 minutes before your MRI appointment to register at the Medical Imaging Center.

Bring your insurance information, including the insurance company policy number, to the registrar.

You will receive two bills for your scan:

1. From Culpeper Regional Hospital.
2. From the radiologist interpreting the images from your exam.

If you need to change the time or cancel your appointment, please call
(540) 829-8855.

MRI

Magnetic Resonance Imaging



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Culpeper Regional Hospital
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What is MRI?

Your doctor has requested that you be examined using one of the most advanced methods of producing images of the human body. MRI stands for magnetic resonance imaging. Using safe magnetic fields and radio frequencies, the MRI produces advanced images of the body to help in diagnosis and treatment of disease and injury.



What to expect during the procedure:

A certified technologist specially trained to perform MRI scans will perform your exam.

- Depending on the type of MRI you are having - you may be asked to change into a hospital gown.
- In certain cases, a substance called contrast may be needed to achieve the desired imaging results. The contrast will not affect any medicines you take or food you eat. It is administered via IV (intravenously).
- Before the MRI begins, the technologist will review your history with you to ensure your safety. There are reasons you may not be a good candidate for MRI.
- You will be asked to lie on the table (see left photo) that slides into a tube-shaped machine. If you have claustrophobia (fear of enclosed spaces), please let the technologist know. Your physician may prescribe a mild sedative to make you more comfortable. The tube is open on both ends and there are no doors that close you 'in' at any time.

- Your job will be to lie still for about 20-45 minutes in the lighted tube as the imaging takes place. During the procedure the scanner will make a loud knocking noise. We have earplugs you can use or you may listen to music. We have a selection of music or you may bring your own favorite CD, MP3 player or iPod.

A board-certified radiologist, a physician who specializes in medical imaging, will interpret your test. The radiologist's report is sent to your physician who will discuss the results with you.

For Your Health

We respect your decision to do this procedure to improve or maintain your good health. Our goal is to make this as easy and comfortable for you as possible.

We invite your questions before and during the procedure and hope you will take a few minutes to complete our Outpatient Comment Card before you leave. Your comments will help CRH to continue to improve this important service.