

CHATTANOOGA ■ I M A G I N G

(423) 553-1234

Your appointment is scheduled for: Date _____ Time _____

Type of MRI scan _____ Ordering physician _____

Diagnosis _____

Copy of report sent to _____

Thank you for choosing Chattanooga Imaging. The following information will assist you in understanding your diagnostic procedure.

MRI SCAN

What Is an MRI Scan?

MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) is one of the most powerful and advanced tools available to radiologists today. It uses magnetic fields and radio waves instead of x-rays to create highly detailed images of the human body. It is a non-invasive imaging procedure that detects many diseases and conditions in their very earliest stages.

What To Expect

An MRI scan takes about 30 minutes. While the scan is taking place you will be lying on a flat exam table, and you will hear a knocking sound. Sometimes a contrast material is given through a vein. If you need the technologist's attention at any time during the scan, you can use the intercom in the scanner. It is very important that you remain very still while the scan is taking place in order to obtain the best possible images.

When the scan is complete, the technologist will help you off the table. Your images will then be sent to a radiologist for interpretation, and will be compared to previous studies that you may have had. The radiologist will prepare and send a report to your physician.

Patient Preparation

No special preparation is required for this exam. Metal objects such as jewelry, hairpins, and car keys are not allowed in the scan room. The technologist will also ask you about metal implants and pacemakers. Some patients with these devices may not be able to have an MRI.

If you have any questions regarding your scan, please call us.

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