

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Appointment Scheduling Information for Adult Patients

Patient Name: _____ MRN: _____

Date of MRI: _____ *Arrival Time: _____ Time of scan: _____ Estimated Duration of scan: _____

Type of MRI: _____
 without sedation (no medication needed for scan – see checklist below)
 with oral sedation (applies to medication given by mouth – see checklist below)
 with anesthesia (see checklist below)

Location of MRI Appointment: Main Hospital, 3rd Floor Clinical Science Building (see directions page 2)
 Ashley River Tower (ART) 2nd Floor
 Clinical Science Building, Suite 106 (see directions page 2)

If no proof of insurance is present, a visit deposit will be required in the amount of \$_____.

***Note:** To allow for the completion of necessary information before your scan, please plan to arrive in the reception area at the arrival time above. For questions about your MRI appointment, please contact our office at 843-792-9729. This time has been reserved for you. If you need to reschedule or cancel this appointment, kindly give us 24 hours notice.

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A Checklist for MRI Patients

Our goal, in Radiology services, is to provide you with the best possible information in order to prepare you for your scheduled MRI scan. Please read the following information carefully and contact our office with any questions.

- Upon arrival for appointment, please proceed to Central Registration in the Hospital. Instructions will be provided on how to locate the MRI check-in desk. All TMRI patients on the first floor Clinical Science Building will go straight to Room 106 for registration.
- Review the "Possible Restrictions" information below and contact our scheduling office immediately if you can answer "YES" to any of the items.
- If you do not require sedation/anesthesia for your MRI scan, the "arrival time" stated above should be **30 minutes prior** to your "time of scan." It is important that you arrive early to allow our staff to complete necessary information before your MRI scan. Please be prepared to wait or reschedule your MRI scan **if you are late.**
- If you do require sedation or anesthesia for your MRI scan, the "arrival time" stated above should be **1 hour prior** to your "time of scan" and you will need to **bring a driver.** Sedation or anesthesia will not be provided if you do not have a driver with you at arrival. Also, please bring a list of medications with you.
- MRI exams take 30 minutes to 1 hour to complete depending on the type of exam. You will be asked to remain still on a flat table during the scan. Our technologist will make sure you are comfortable during the scan. Please notify your doctor immediately if you feel this may be difficult for you.
- The MRI scanner is a flat table that moves into a large tube or cylinder. The opening of the tube is approximately the size of a "hula hoop." If you are claustrophobic or have a fear of small spaces, you should discuss this with your doctor **prior** to the MRI scan.
- Patients should be prepared to change into a gown or paper shorts depending on type of scan. A locker is provided for clothing and other items.

Possible Restrictions or items that may prevent you from having an MRI Scans

If you have any of the following, you are responsible for bringing documentation to show compatibility for MRI SCAN:

Pacemaker	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Metal Implants	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Defibrillator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Steel Surgical Staples or Clips	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Aneurysm Clips	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Implanted Drug Infusion Device	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Cochlear Implants	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Pregnancy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Neuro-Stimulator	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Stents	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

*The above devices/conditions have the ability to restrict our ability to perform an MRI scan. If you answer "YES" to any of the above, please contact our scheduling office at 843-792-9729.

Metal objects can cause interference with the MRI scanner. Please do not bring coins, lighters, jewelry, partials or dentures, watches, hearing aids, keys or credit cards into the exam room. *If you are unsure if an item will cause interference with your scan, please ask a staff member. Items may be locked in provided lockers.

Where is my appointment and how do I get there?

□ **Main Hospital, 3rd Floor Main Hospital, Clinical Science Building**

(Traveling from Jonathan Lucas Parking garage and G-Lot)

- Enter Main Hospital from Jonathan Lucas Street ramp. There is an information desk at the entrance to the Main Hospital.
- Inside the building, elevator B is the second right. Take this elevator to the 3rd floor and go to Radiology Centralized Registration.

(Traveling from the Ashley-Rutledge Garage)

- Take the garage elevator to the second floor Rutledge Tower Connector and follow coordinator to Children's Hospital.
- Turn right at the end of the Rutledge Tower Connector and follow signs to the Clinical Science Building, elevator B.
- There is a slight ramp up and elevator B is to the immediate left at the top of the ramp. Then go to Radiology Centralized Registration.

□ **Rutledge Tower, 1st Floor**

(Traveling from the 1st or 2nd floor of the Ashley-Rutledge Parking Garage)

- Parking is available in the Ashley- Rutledge Garage, accessible from Ashley and Rutledge Avenues.
- You may enter Rutledge Tower on the second floor connector from the garage or by crossing the surface lot located on the first floor.
- Radiology is on 1st floor in Suite 128 of Rutledge Tower.

□ **Ashley River Tower (ART)**

- Valet parking is available as well as handicap underneath Ashley River Tower.
- From the front entrance or via the crosswalk on 3rd floor from the Courtenay Drive Garage that enters onto the Mezzanine floor.
- Got to centralized registration on 1st floor and then report to 2nd floor for Radiology services check-in.

□ **Clinical Sciences Building, Suite 106**

(Traveling from Jonathan Lucas Parking garage and G-Lot)

- Enter Main Hospital from Jonathan Lucas Street ramp. There is an information desk at the entrance to the Main Hospital.
- Inside the building, Suite 106 is located to the left of the information desk.

(Traveling from the Ashley-Rutledge Garage)

- Take the garage elevator to the second floor Rutledge Tower Connector and follow to the Children's Hospital.
- Turn right at the end of the Rutledge Tower Connector and follow signs to the Main Hospital, elevator D.
- Take elevator D to the 1st floor. There will be a coffee shop on the right and a hallway directly ahead of you when you exit the elevator.
- Travel to the end of the hallway to the information desk. Suite 106 is located to the left of the information desk.

A Note to Patients Regarding Parking: MRI services are provided in three locations. For your convenience, information staff located at all of our main entrances. Our staff is eager to help you in reaching your destination in a timely manner. Please note, our facility is large and often a significant amount of walking is required to reach your appointment location. Handicap parking is available in all patient parking garages as well as the G-Lot and Rutledge Tower surface lot and at the Ashley River Tower. Should you require assistance in moving throughout our campus, please request help at the information desk located at each main entrance or contact 843-876-0411.

Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

1. **What is an MRI Scan and how does it work?** MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is advanced technology that allows doctors see internal organs, blood vessels, muscles, joints, tumors and areas of infection. The MRI scanner creates a magnetic field, sends radio waves through your body, and measure the response with a computer. This creates an image of the inside of the body part that is being scanned. Because of this magnetic field, it is important that you review the list of "potential restrictions" on page one. These devices/conditions may cause interference with your scan. If your answer is "Yes" to any of these devices/conditions, please notify our scheduling office at 843-792-9729 or 1-800-424-MUSC.
2. **Is an MRI scan safe for me?** MRI is very safe and uses natural forces that have no harmful effects. You will not be exposed to radiation during an MRI. The MRI scanner is noisy, but painless. The key to having a MRI is holding very still – like a statue. You will be positioned on a flat table for, up to, 1 hour for this scan. You and your technologist will be able to communicate prior to and during the scan. Our technologist will make sure you are comfortable during the scan. Please notify your doctor immediately if you feel this scan may be difficult for you.
3. **I have heard the MRI scanner is very noisy, is this true?** Yes, during your scan the MRI will reposition itself to take multiple images, or pictures, of the body part being scanned. While the MRI is adjusting and preparing to take the next picture, there is a loud noise that sounds like a banging or hard knocking. The noise will last approximately 60 seconds each time the machine is repositioned. In a typical scan, the machine may be repositioned up to 4 times. Your technologist will provide you instruction throughout the scan regarding the process and positioning of the MRI. Earplugs are available upon request.
4. **How should patients prepare for a MRI scan?** Most patients will stick to their normal routine for diet, medications, work, school or sports. If you are having an abdominal scan, do not eat or drink anything for 4 - 8 hours prior to the MRI. Remember to allow enough time to travel to our facility, park and travel to your appointment location by the "arrival time" stated on page 1.
5. **Can children have an MRI scan?** Yes, MRI services are available to children. These MRI scans are scheduled in our Main Hospital Location on the 3rd floor of the Clinical Sciences Building and are normally scheduled with sedation or anesthesia. Patients and their guardian(s) will be provided with all necessary information prior to scheduling the MRI scan.