

MRI Center Orientation for Patients

Description

The MRI center is a joint venture between the Neurology Clinic and the Wesley Neurology practices. The MRI Center is not open to physician referral from other groups. TMC is staffed by three technologists and two front desk schedulers. We are open from 7am to 7pm Monday-Friday, sometimes Saturdays depending on patient volume.

What kind of machine do we use?

We run a state of the art Siemens brand 1.5 Tesla machine. This is a hybrid of open and closed MRI machines. The opening of the magnet is much shorter and much wider than a typical “closed” MRI machine. We have headphones so patients can listen to their choice of music, including a cd player. We have a mirror and fan inside the machine to comfort our patients. We also use cushions and blankets to comfort our patients as much as possible. However we do not provide any drugs to help patients relax.

How can I order my films?

We are a digital facility, meaning we do not make films unless we have a doctor’s request. You must call your nurse because we do not have patient charts and it is necessary to note when you need films and to have consent to release the films to you or another doctor. We will be happy to courier the films to your doctor, or you may pick up the films at the MRI Center. Please note there will not be a report with the films. The reports are only sent to the ordering physician’s office.

When will I know my results?

Your test is read by a group of specialized radiologists who dictate a full report. Please allow two to five working days to receive a call from your doctor’s office. If five days have passed you may call your doctor’s office for the report. Please understand unless you were an emergency patient, your doctor does not have an official report for at least two days.

What if I cannot show up for my test?

Please call 624-0384 to reschedule your test if you will not be able to make your appointment on time. We want to be convenient to all of our patients, and this means running on time. Patients are allowed to reschedule their test two times. However, please know that if you simply do not show up for your test, you may not be rescheduled at this facility.

How should I prepare?

Please continue with your normal medications, and eat regularly. It is helpful for you to be well hydrated if you are having a contrast injection, this means water, not coffee or coke. Anything you wear with metal will have to be removed i.e. overalls. If your brain is to be examined please know that hair gels and sprays may interfere with your pictures, also all hairpins and wigs must be removed before your test. If you have been prescribed something to help you relax, a driver is required. Comfortable clothing is recommended. Also if you need directions, get lost, or need to reschedule the test please call 624-0384.

Do I need medicine to help me relax?

If you have ever felt claustrophobic, we recommend you ask the doctor to prescribe something to help you relax. Remember you will need a driver and please take your medicine so it will be effective for your exam. It is not beneficial to wait and see if you need it because it will delay your appointment time and have a negative effect on other patients as we run a very tight schedule.

This is a quality facility; our tests are read by some of the finest neurologists and radiologists in the region, we know you will be satisfied.

Thank You,

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