

**Montana Regional Imaging Center
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Welcome...

We realize that medical procedures can be stressful and we are committed to make your visit as comfortable as possible. Our objective is to assure the satisfaction of our patients and referring physicians. We are Montana's FIRST (Siemens) Multi-Channel MRI system to provide you and your physician with unrivaled medical imaging quality in making a definitive diagnosis. We are staffed with Board Registered medical professionals with unsurpassed clinical expertise.

Our Priorities - Quality, Comfort, Service

Serving you in a comfortable and friendly manner, while providing the highest quality MRI images coupled with exceptional service and unsurpassed clinical expertise is our commitment to you and your referring physician. Please don't hesitate to let us know and of your questions or concerns. We are more than happy to help you understand and experience a comfortable MRI.

About Your MRI Scan...

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is an advanced way to look inside your body without using x-rays. MRI offers a non-invasive way to obtain information about your body. MRI makes it possible to visualize certain types of tissues and can provide important information about the brain, spine, joints and internal organs.

MRI uses a large magnet, radio waves and a computer to provide signals, which become the source of MRI information. These signals produce the images that will assist your physician in making a diagnosis and planning treatment.

Your MRI Scan...

Your scan will take 30-60 minutes to be completed. The technologist will assist you onto the scanning table, which will slide slowly into the opening of the magnet. You won't feel anything, but you will hear the sounds of the scanner working. It is important that you move as little as possible during your scan. In some cases, the physician may order an injection of a contrast (image enhancement) agent into a vein in your arm.

An audio system is installed in the magnet to allow for communication during your scan. The technologist can see and hear you at all times and is readily available to assist you. At the conclusion of your scan, the technologist will help you off of the table.

After Your Scan...

A radiologist will interpret the images produced from your scan and will forward a report to your physician. Your physician will inform you of the results.

Location...

We are conveniently located at 3510 Ptarmigan Lane. Ptarmigan Lane is on the West side of North Montana and three streets North of Custer Avenue(one street North of Rocky Mountain Credit Union).



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Your MRI scan is scheduled on:

Day and Date _____

At (Time) _____

Please arrive 15 minutes early.

You are scheduled for the following MRI Exam:

- Brain (without) (with & without)
- MRA Brain - Cerebral Arteries (without) (with & without)
- IAC (without) (with & without)
- Orbits
- Soft Tissue Neck (mass lesion) (without) (with & without)
- Cervical Spine (without) (with & without)
- MRA Neck - Carotid Arteries (without) (with & without)
- Thoracic Spine (without) (with & without)
- Lumbar Spine (without) (with & without)
- Pelvis Hips
- Shoulder Right Left
- Upper Extremity
- Knee Right Left
- Lower Extremity
- Ankle/Foot Right Left
- Abdomen
- MRA Aorta
- Other _____

Preparing For Your MRI Scan...

For comfort and convenience, please wear casual clothing and continue to take any and all medication that your doctor has prescribed. Depending upon the MRI examination that you are scheduled for, you may need to prepare for your examination as follows:

Preparation for Abdomen Scans

It is important that you do NOT eat or drink for four (4) hours prior to your scan.

Preparation for All Other Scans

No other special preparation is needed.

Please inform your physician if you have any of the following, which may interfere with your MRI scan:

- Pacemaker
- Claustrophobia (fear of closed-in places)
- Metal in your eye from high-speed grinding or metal work
- Metal in your body
- Surgical clips
- Joint or bone pins
- Metal plates
- BB's
- Heart valve replacement
- Are you pregnant?

If you are having a Brain MRI please remove all makeup since some products contain metallic flecks.

When you arrive, the MRI technologist will ask you to remove anything metallic, such as ear or body piercing, hearing aid, dentures, partial plate, jewelry, hairpins, credit cards, watches, coins and keys.

Patient's Name _____

Patient's Phone Number _____

DOB: _____ Allergies _____

Diagnosis _____

Ordering Physician _____

Date and Time _____