



**Imaging Services
of Union Hospital**

MRI

The following are your instructions for your MRI exam:

- There is no special preparation for this test. You may eat, drink, and take your medication normally.
- The test will take approximately 30-60 minutes and we ask that you arrive 15 minutes prior to your appointment to allow extra time for check in.
- Your physician's order is needed at the time of the appointment. Please bring the script with you.
- You will be asked to change into a hospital gown prior to your exam.
- MRI uses strong magnets, so you'll be asked to remove your watch, jewelry, and other metal objects. Please remove any ear/body piercings before arriving for your procedure.
- You may be asked to remove your makeup, which may contain some metal.
- Hairpieces, Wigs and hair ornaments must be removed before exam (you may choose to leave them at home or remove them here).
- You will be able to listen to music during your exam. We encourage you to bring your favorite music CD to be played through our MRI system.

If you have any implants anywhere in your body please bring documentation of its MRI compatibility. If we do not have this information, your examination may need to be rescheduled. Please inform us if you have a pacemaker or brain aneurysm clips prior to arriving for your appointment.

If you have worked around metal (cutting, grinding, or welding) or have had metal in your eyes you may be required to have an *orbit x-ray* exam prior to the MRI exam. If this applies to you please contact your physician to obtain a script for the x- ray. The x-ray exam should be performed the same day of your MRI exam and we suggest you arrive at least one hour prior to your MRI appointment time.