

Appointment Date: _____

Time: _____

LOCATION:

- Aultman Main Hospital:** 2600 6th Street SW, Canton
- Aultman North:** 6100 Whipple Ave. NW, North Canton
- Aultman Massillon:** 2021 Wales Ave. NE, Massillon
- Aultman Carrollton:** 1020 Trump Road, Carrollton

DEPARTMENT: Imaging Services (Radiology)

SUMMARY OF THE EXAM

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a noninvasive medical exam that uses a powerful magnetic field, radio wave energy and an advanced computer system to produce detailed images of the organs, soft tissues and bones within the body. The images created by the MRI help physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions without exposure to radiation.

WHAT TO EXPECT

You will be asked to change into a hospital gown and remove all metal objects, such as jewelry, keys, watches, dentures, partial dental plates, hearing aids and all personal belongings. You will be taken into the MRI suite and asked to lie down flat on the scan table. Earplugs are provided during the exam as the scanner makes a loud “knocking” noise.

The table will slide into the scanner tunnel. You will be asked to remain completely still while the images are obtained. The MRI tech will be just outside the room behind a large glass window at the scanner controls. There are speakers located in the scanner for the MRI tech to communicate with you at all times. The exam will take approximately 45 – 60 minutes.

EXAMINATION RESTRICTIONS

Because of the high magnetic field used during the MRI, please alert your doctor if you have any of the following:

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| Heart valves | Aneurysm clips/coils |
| Cochlear implants | Nerve stimulator-TENS unit |
| Stents of any kind | Implanted drug infusion device |
| Pacemaker, defibrillator or cardiac monitor | Shunt |
| Metal implants or any implanted device | IVC Filters |

CONTRAST RESTRICTIONS

If your MRI is ordered with contrast and you have a history of kidney disease or are currently on dialysis, you will need to have blood work at least six weeks prior to your MRI.

MRI PREP

There is no prep for MRI examinations except for the following:

- MRCP/MRI of the gallbladder – do not have anything to eat for eight hours prior to your scheduled appointment time.
- If you are claustrophobic, you will need to inform your physician so that you can obtain a prescription for medication to relax you for the examination.

INSTRUCTIONS

- Please bring a written order from your doctor to the exam.
- Please bring a complete list of all your medications.
- Please bring a driver's license or other photo ID.
- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your scheduled time.

LENGTH OF EXAM

The exam will take 45 – 60 minutes, but plan to spend *about two hours* at the site for registration and preparation.

AFTER THE EXAM

You should expect to receive the results of your exam at your next health care provider appointment (if scheduled) or within two business days. Please call your health care provider if you do not receive your results.

QUESTIONS PRIOR TO YOUR TEST

Call 330-363-5253 weekdays between 6 a.m. – 11 p.m. or weekends between 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. for any questions about your test.

SCHEDULING AND REGISTRATION

Pre-registration is required for an accurate medical record and proper billing. You may be contacted by a patient access representative if we need any information. If you have questions or need to schedule or reschedule your exam, please call 330-363-6288 or 1-800-837-0440 Monday – Friday between 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. All exams require a written order from your physician.

HOSPITAL PARKING

Free visitor parking is available in Lot 3 across from the Bedford Building. Enter from 6th Street. Valet parking is available at the 7th Street and Bedford Building entrances for a fee –

or free if you are a handicapped motorist. Deck parking is available on 7th Street for a fee based on your length of stay.

DIRECTIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT (MAIN HOSPITAL)

Imaging Services/Radiology (7th Street deck parking is the closest parking) is located on the ground level of the main hospital. From the main hospital lobby, take the elevators to the ground level. After exiting the elevator, turn to your left and you will see the check-in desk.

NORTH, MASSILLON, CARROLLTON DIRECTIONS: Park in the main lot in front of the building. Report to the receptionist area, sign in on the kiosk (iPad) and have a seat. The registration receptionist will call you to the desk.