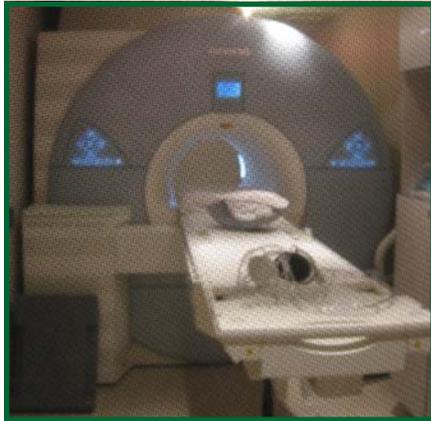


MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING



MRIs produce digital pictures inside the body without having to expose patients to X-rays.

Using devices generating magnetic fields and radio waves and using computers allows physicians the opportunity to view the inside of the body with precise clarity while using magnetic imaging.

**LENGTH OF THE EXAM:
Between 40 to 90 minutes**

APPOINTMENT

Telephone : 418 986-2121

Extension 8143



Make sure to note the time of your appointment and to arrive at the medical imaging department at the Archipel Hospital, 10 minutes before your appointment time.

Please arrive for your procedure 30 minutes ahead of time if you have to receive an injection of gadolinium.

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Information about your medical examination



APPOINTMENT

Date : _____

Time : _____

**In the event you cannot be present, please cancel your appointment by calling:
418 986-2121, ext. 8143.**

APPOINTMENT

- ◆ Make sure you have completed the form with your physician and advise us of any changes.
- ◆ Please inform the personnel of the presence of any implant or metallic element in your body.
- ◆ While making an appointment, you must also specify if you handle or are involved with metalworking machines as part of your job.

IMPORTANT!

ABDOMINAL EXAMINATIONS

Do not eat during the 4 hours before your procedure. You must have an empty stomach for the exam.

PRECAUTIONS

Unless authorized by a physician, pregnant women should not undergo a magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) procedure.

For increased safety purposes, the MRI examination room is off-limits to individuals escorting patients.

AT THE EXAM

- ◆ Bring your **health insurance card** and your **green card from the hospital** with you;
- ◆ Unless otherwise indicated by your physician, you can eat and take your usual medication before the procedure;
- ◆ If you have undergone a previous examination outside the Islands, please bring your CD so we can compare results;
- ◆ You must inform us if you suffer from **diabetes or cardiac or renal disorders**;
- ◆ You must inform us if you have previously had metallic objects in your eyes;
- ◆ You must inform us if you have implants, wear a prosthesis, have tattoos on your body, have a cardiac pacemaker or any other object containing metal;
- ◆ **Make-up** containing metal elements **must not be worn** during a cerebral (head) or cervical (neck) examination;
- ◆ Do not wear any object containing iron ;
- ◆ You must remove all your jewellery items as well as glasses, hearing aids and dentures

DURING THE EXAM

- ◆ You must remain immobile as long as possible during the procedure to help us obtain the highest quality possible images;
- ◆ It is normal to hear repetitive sounds;
- ◆ It is also normal to feel some heat sensation in the area being examined; however, do not hesitate to inform us if this is a problem;
- ◆ You can communicate with the technician at all times through an intercom;
- ◆ You may listen to music to help you relax during your procedure;
- ◆ Where required, a contrast dye could be injected in your arm. You will be advised ahead of time. The substance used (gadolinium) does not contain iodine. Side effects are very rare.