

Imaging Facts Sheet for MRI Prostate

What to expect during your MRI exam

When you arrive at the MRI Department you will be asked MRI safety questions to make sure you are safe to enter the MRI scan room.

STANDARD SAFETY QUESTIONS:

Dialysis or Renal Failure	Aneurysm Clip in brain
Heart Valve Replacement	History of Metal in Eyes, skin or body
IVC Filter (ex. Greenfield Filter)	Embolization Coil
Cochlear Implant or hearing aid	Diabetic
Transdermal Medication Patch	Claustrophobia/anxiety
Nerve Stimulation Device {TENS}	Implants or devices in the body
Pregnancy or Breast Feeding	Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD)
Cardiac Pacemaker or Wires	

PREPARING FOR THE SCAN:

Once it is determined that you are safe to enter the MRI scan room you will be asked to dress in a hospital pajamas with a bathrobe. You may be asked MRI safety questions several times by different staff members, please do not be concerned; we are just making sure that you are safe. An MRI technologist will greet you and will bring you to the scanning room area and you will be placed on the MRI table. A tube will be inserted into the rectum to help take pictures of your prostate.

DURING THE SCAN:

For the scan you will be placed on a special piece of equipment, lying down on your back, with part of the MRI equipment on top of you and in your rectum and you will enter the scanner feet first. You will be covered with a sheet or blanket to maintain your privacy and keep you comfortable. During the time of the scan we ask that you refrain from moving so that all the images can be precisely acquired, some pictures we may not be able to repeat if you move. One picture that may be ordered is long (17 minutes) and it is important to remain as still as you can during this time. You will be offered ear protection, because the scan does make loud sounds. For many exams we may offer you earphones so you may listen to music. You will also be given a call bell in case you need to alert the technologist.

Once the scan is over the technologist will remove the IV line and the tube from your rectum, and bring you to the dressing room where you may change back into your own clothing.

EXAM TIME: Approximately 1 ½ hours

ALLERGIES: Please alert the technologist if you have allergies

KIDNEY FUNCTION: Contrast is okay to inject when you have normal kidney function

RESULTS:

Your physician will receive the report in the next 1-2 days following the date of the scan. If you need films or CD please let technologist before the exam.

If you have any questions about your scheduled exam, please call (860) 545-5300.

Thank you for choosing Hartford Hospital Imaging Center and giving us the opportunity to serve you.