



CHRISTIE CLINIC

Medicine for Your Life

Patient Instructions
Department of Radiology
Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
(217) 366-1285

Patient Name _____

Appointment Date/Time _____

Exam _____

If you are unable to keep your appointment, it is important to cancel or reschedule at least 24 hours before your scheduled appointment time by calling (217) 366-1285.

Please arrive 15 minutes before your exam time at the following location:

- Christie Clinic in Champaign at 101 W. University Ave. 61820
- Christie Clinic in Urbana at 1710 E. Windsor Rd. 61802

How do I prepare for this exam?

- If you are over 60 years of age and your exam is scheduled with IV contrast, you will need to have a blood test drawn to check your kidney function within 6 weeks of your exam.
- It is important to let your doctor know if you are:
 - Claustrophobic
 - Pregnant
 - Unable to lie comfortably on your back for long periods of time
 - Over 350 pounds in weight
- This exam involves strong magnetic fields, so you will need to complete a metal screening form to ensure that you can have this exam. This screening will ask about:
 - The presence of pacemakers, surgical implants, brain aneurysm clips, inner ear surgery, or any surgery within the last six weeks.
 - Any exposure to an environment where flakes or shavings of metal may have entered your eyes, such as grinding or welding. If you've had such exposure, you will be required to have an x-ray of your eyes to check for metal fragments before your MRI.

When you arrive:

- You will be asked to remove any metal, such as earrings, body piercings, hair ornaments, hearing aids, dental work, and glasses.
- You will be asked to change into a gown or scrubs for your MRI exam

During the test:

- You will be on a table which slides into a cylinder. While the machine is running, you will hear loud knocking noises, but you will be provided with ear plugs or ear phones for music during the test.
- It is important to remain very still during the test. The test may last 30-90 minutes.
- After the test, you may resume normal activities.