

How to Prepare for an MRI exam
(NPO=Nothing by mouth)

All Patients having procedures at IMI must have an order form or a prescription from their referring physician. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to your exam and wear loose fitting clothing. You may be asked to change into a gown if your clothing interferes with the exam or the images.

****VERY IMPORTANT******

If you have any mechanical transplanted device such as a Pacemaker, defibrillator, stimulator, or pump, you may not be able to have an MRI unless it is MRI compatible. You should have received a compatibility card for the implanted device, and you must provide this in advance so we may check the compatibility to our MRI unit. Let your referring physician know or let the schedulers know upon scheduling.

When undergoing an MRI scan, it is important for you to remove any metallic objects such as car keys, watches, hairpins as well as removable dental work as they all have the ability to interfere with the magnetic fields in the MRI machine. The data on credit cards are easily erased by the strong the magnetic field. Moreover, you may be asked to remove all your clothing and requested to wear provided gown or scrubs, if your clothing contains any metal such as snaps, hooks, or zippers. Please do not wear sportswear infused with copper or any other metals. Ladies may wish to wear a sports bra and elastic waist pants.

If you have questions, please call 352-637-6100 option 2

MRCP/MR Abdomen:

NPO 4 hours before exam.

MR Breast:

If the patient still has a menstrual cycle patient must be scheduled 6 to 12 days after the start of her cycle.

All other MRI exams have no restrictions