

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) information Sheet:

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a safe, accurate, non-invasive and painless imaging modality. It utilizes strong magnetic field, radio waves, and state of the art computer technology to produce excellent images of the human body.

Before Examination:

1. Unless specified, you can eat, drink and take drugs prescribed by your doctor as usual.
2. Any eye make-up should be avoided at the examination.
3. Please inform our staff if you have the following Items and conditions because they are potentially hazardous or interfere with the images.

- Cardiac pacemaker
- Surgical clips
- Orthopaedic devices (e.g. Pins, nails, screws)
- Cochlear implants Internal shunt
- Intrauterine contraceptive device
- Insulin pump
- Prosthetic heart valve
- Intravascular coils and stents
- Dentures
- Hearing aid
- Metallic foreign bodies
- You are now or used to be a metal worker.
- You have been injured by metallic foreign body (e.g. Bullet, shrapnel)
- You have been injured in the eye by any metallic foreign body
- You have tattoo or permanent eye-lining.
- You are pregnant or suspect that you are pregnant.

4. Long term biological effects of MRI on fetus is still not fully established

During Examination:

1. You have to remove any loosen ferromagnetic items, metallic objects (e.g. Glasses, watch, necklace, safety-pin, hair-slide) and items which may be damaged by the magnetic field (e.g. Credit card, Octopus) prior to entering the examination room. A locker will be provided for you to secure your personal belongings.
2. The examination time varies from 30 minutes to 2 hours. You are required to keep still during the examination. Therefore, children and infants may have to be sedated by medication.
3. Ear plugs or headphone will be provided to protect you from the noise generated by the machine during the examination.
4. For the sake of safety, an intercom system is installed inside the examination room so that you can communicate with our staff during the examination. In addition, an emergency button will be given in case you need any assistance.
 5. In some examination, MRI contrast agent will be administered intravenously to you in order to show certain pathology more clearly. Rarely, as with many drugs, contrast media can cause death.

After Examination:

Normally the examination will not cause any discomfort or affect your daily life. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact our staff.

Note :

1. Pre-scan preparations are required for some diagnostic examination. (eg: fasting, medication, specimen containers etc.). Please check with your primary doctor or our booking staff for more details.
2. We might contact your primary doctor to obtain further medical history and records. Patient information and medical records will be kept confidential and strictly for diagnostic purpose.
3. Payments made are non-refundable.
4. When typhoon no.8 or black rainstorm signal is announced, all appointments scheduled during the affected hours will be cancelled. Clinics will resume service 2 hours after the removal of signal is removed before 3:30pm of the day. For affected appointment, please call our clinics for re-schedule of appointment after service resumed.