

MRI – All Scans Patient Preparation Diagnostic Radiology

1. Requisition

- Specify if inpatient
- Must be completely filled out in all sections including screening form or requisition will be returned
- Must be signed by Staff Physician **not** Resident.

2. Consent

- No radiology consent
- If Patient is unable to verify screening form with Technologist, then Family or POA must be present or available for patient history.

3. Implants

- To assess MRI compatibility the following information is required:
 - a) Type
 - b) Make & manufacturer
 - c) Model number
 - d) Date implanted

4. Previous metal Exposure

- Patients who have done grinding or welding and have had metal in their eyes previously must have foreign body or head X-rays (a head CT scan since the metal exposure can also be used).

5. Time

- **Scan Times Vary From 15 – 60 minutes**

6. Screening for Staff

- Staff must sign a support screening form and remove all metal before going into MRI scan room as the **magnet is always on.**

7. PREP

- **HT & WT on chart**
- Patient **must be completely still** for MRI Scan. Even a cough can lose the scan
- Sedation must be ordered for non-compliant and claustrophobic PTs. Consult anaesthesia if necessary
- NPO 5hrs prior for abdominal / pelvic scans
- D/C all pumps before sending for scan
- Monitoring leads must be removed
- No jewellery
- PT. in blue gown or track pants **without** metal.