

MRI

PURPOSE: This test allows your doctor to view detailed images of soft tissues, bone, fat, muscles and internal organs in your body without the use of x-rays. It is a diagnostic examination, which provides information not possible with any other means. Frequently, this exam can permit early diagnosis and perhaps eliminate the need for surgical procedures.

LENGTH: 30-60 minutes

PREP: NONE

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

You may eat and drink, except with abdominal imaging, in which **you must not eat 8 hours before your MRI**. Please take any prescription medications you need. You may bring a guest with you to your appointment, but they will be required to wait in the waiting room.

The strong magnetic field of the MRI machine will move any objects made from iron or steel. For your safety, you will not be able to have an MRI if you have any of the following:

- **Pacemaker**
- **Aneurysm clips**
- **Cochlear implants**
- **Tens-unit (neuro-stimulator)**
- **Metal implants**
- **Steel surgical staples or clips**
- **Implanted drug infusion device**
- **Any implant made of iron or steel**

Equipment:

Sheffield Center - Siemens Magnetom Symphony 1.5 Tesla

Lorain Center - FONAR Upright™ MRI Equipment