

*Thank you for choosing
EASTERN RADIOLOGISTS, INC.
GREENVILLE MRI
for your MRI needs. This
facility is accredited by the
American College of Radiology
with highly trained physicians
and staff.*



What is MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves with the aid of state-of-the-art computers to provide a detailed look inside of your body. MRI does not use x-rays and is completely painless.

How long does an MRI take?

A typical MRI procedure will normally last from 45 to 60 minutes. In some cases, your physician may request an exam that requires an intravenous contrast agent. This may add 15 minutes to your total exam time. Due to the nature of MRI, there are times when procedures take longer than we expect and we appreciate your patience as we strive to provide the best possible images for you and your doctor.

Are there any safety precautions?

YES! Please notify your physician or an Eastern Radiologists, Inc./ Greenville MRI staff member if you have any of the following conditions.

- Cardiac pacemaker or defibrillator
- Cochlear implant or hearing aid
- Brain aneurysm clips
- Bone stimulators
- Implanted pump devices
- Shrapnel or bullets
- Pregnant or nursing
- History of working with metal
- History of metal in or removed from your eyes
- Kidney disease or Dialysis (This may require an on-site blood test prior to MRI)
- Prosthetics anywhere inside your body
- Claustrophobia

How do I prepare for my MRI?

Most MRI exams do not require any special preparation. However, there are some requirements for **CERTAIN** MRI procedures.

- Patients requesting pre-medication for claustrophobia must arrive one hour prior to scheduled appointment time. You must bring a driver that can stay with you at Greenville MRI the entire time of the procedure. Also, please bring a list of medications you are currently taking. We distribute Valium only in pill form; we **DO NOT** put our patients completely to sleep.
- Patients who have had metal removed from their eyes may require an x-ray to determine if it is safe to enter the magnetic field. Those x-rays are performed at Eastern Radiologists Inc. at 9 Doctors Park. This office is conveniently located across the street from Greenville MRI. Patients needing this x-ray must arrive one hour before your scheduled appointment.
- There are special considerations for nursing mothers receiving MRI contrast. Please have a GMRI staff member explain these considerations when scheduling your test.
- Some implantable brain aneurysm clips, cochlear ear implants, bone stimulators, prosthetics, and other implantable mechanical devices will need to be screened for your safety prior to your MRI appointment.
- Abdominal procedures require that you do not eat and only have clear liquids six hours prior to your appointment.

What happens during my visit?

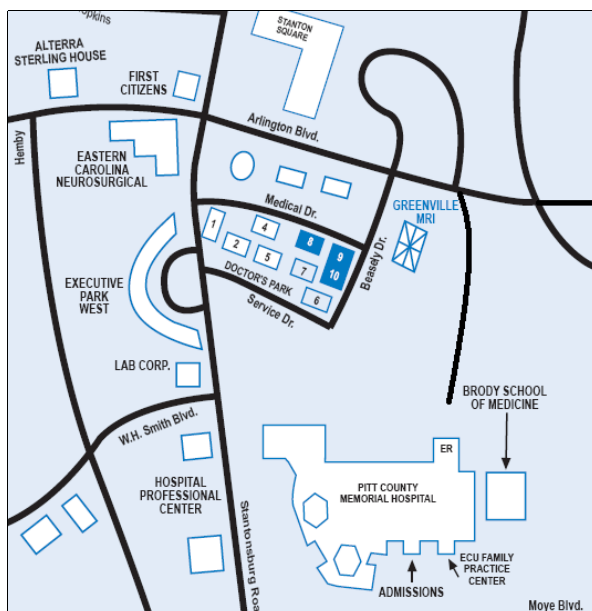
Upon your arrival, the receptionist will check you in and ask that you complete a safety questionnaire. You will also be asked to provide a history of your symptoms or conditions that will directly aid the radiologists in interpreting your MRI. The MRI technologists and front office staff will be able to answer any questions you may have prior to your exam.

Certain items such as watches, cell phones, credit cards, hair pins, and keys are not allowed in the MRI room. A locker will be provided for you.

The technologists will then escort you to the MRI room and assist you onto the table for your MRI procedure. You may bring a CD or request your favorite radio station to listen to during your exam. You will be able to communicate with the technologists throughout the entire procedure.

A Board Certified Radiologist will monitor your procedure and report the findings of your exam to your referring physician within 24 hours. We also offer immediate report turnaround for patients seeing their physicians after their MRI exam.

Your MRI Appointment is scheduled for:



DATE: _____
TIME: _____
LOCATION: _____
STUDY: _____
Referring Physician: _____

Bring all brochure/forms that your doctor has given to you, along with your insurance card or applicable billing information.

*If for any reason you are unable to keep your appointment, we ask that you notify us immediately (24 hours in advance, if possible) so that the time set aside for you may be given to someone else in need of an examination.

*Please note that some insurance plans require prior approval before you are able to have your MRI scan. We participate with most health care plans. If you have any questions, please call our business office at 754-5257.



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