

PATIENT INFORMATION

MRI PATIENT PROCEDURE PREPARATION

- MAGNETIC RESONANCE CHOLANGIOPANCREATOGRAPHY (MRCP)**
No food or drink 4 hours prior to the exam. Medicine may be taken with a small amount of water if necessary.
- LUMBAR SPINE**
You should be asked if you have had previous low back surgery. If yes, an IV will be started and gadolinium will be administered intravenously at the time of procedure.
- ALL PATIENTS SHOULD BE ASKED AT THE TIME OF SCHEDULING IF THEY HAVE A PACEMAKER OR IF THEY WORK OR HAVE WORKED AS A WELDER**
 - PACEMAKER** – Patients with pacemakers will not be scheduled for an MRI exam and should consult their physician for an alternate exam.
 - WELDERS** – Patients with a welding background should be scheduled for pre-MRI screening X-rays. Patient should arrive ½ hour early for these X-rays.
- SEDATION FOR MRI/CT/NUCLEAR MED**
You will receive a pre-procedure information sheet. You must arrange for a ride home with a responsible adult. Nothing by mouth 8 hours prior – morning medications with sip of water only. Your clinic MUST send/fax H&P prior to 952-428-3824.

WHAT IS MRI?

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is a non-invasive, non X-ray diagnostic technique based on the magnetic fields of hydrogen atoms in the body. MRI uses large magnets and radio-frequency waves to produce computer generated images of the body's internal structures.

Appointment Information	Please remember to arrive 15 minutes PRIOR to appointment time for Patient Registration. This needs to occur even if you are PRE-Registered.
Date:	
Time of Appointment:	

