

MRI Scan:

Arthrogram of Shoulder, Elbow or Wrist

To Schedule: (319) 398-6794

Questions about Procedure: (319) 398-6050

What is a MRI?

A MRI scan produces dimensional images by using a large magnet and radio waves. It is a way of looking inside the body without using x-rays. A strong magnetic field is created and a radio frequency is beamed into that magnetic field. Measurements of energy from the tissue being scanned are sent to the computer where the screen image will be recorded. Your MRI scan will take approximately 35-45 minutes.

Preparation:

You may eat and drink before the exam and take your medications.

Patients who are claustrophobic may require sedation prior to the MRI scan. The ordering physician must order the prescription for oral sedation. Patient must pick up medication from pharmacy of choice and bring to appointment. **DO NOT TAKE MEDICATION PRIOR TO ARRIVING.** Patient will need to arrive 30 mins prior to injection to sign consent form and then may take the sedation medication. If patient takes sedation medication prior to signing form the exam will not be performed. Patient must have a driver to bring and pick up from the procedure.

Persons not allowed to have a MRI:

1. Persons wearing a pacemaker/defibrillator
2. Persons who are pregnant
3. Persons who have brain surgery with aneurysm clips
4. Persons who have metal shrapnel in eyes
5. Persons who have ear implants.

Always ask office when scheduling if:

1. Is patient on blood thinners? Ex: Heparin/Coumadin
-if so patient needs to stop taking blood thinner 5 days, the Dr. office will need to order blood work, a PT & INR to be taken 45 min prior to Fluoro appt.
2. Is the patient allergic to iodine?
-patient will need to be pre-medicated
3. Is the patient diabetic?
4. Will the patient be taking claustrophobic meds?

PLEASE BRING THE FOLLOWING TO YOUR APPOINTMENT:

A PHOTO ID TO VERIFY YOUR IDENTITY

A LIST OF CURRENT MEDICATIONS YOU ARE TAKING

Procedure:

It is important to lie still throughout the entire exam as any motion may distort the image. During the exam you will hear LOUD knocking sounds so you will be given ear plugs.

Parking/Registration:

Park in the Mercy Medical Center 10th Street Parking Ramp, located at the corner of 10th Street and 8th Ave. SE. You will be pre-registered, so you can proceed to **Ground (G)** level and follow the signs to “Radiology (X-Ray),” also located on Ground (G) level.

Procedure Results (Who interprets the results):

A radiologist will review the images shortly after the exam is completed. A written report will be sent to your doctor. Your doctor will discuss the results with you. Please allow your physician time to review these results, usually 2 business days after the exam.

Your appointment date and time:

Procedure date: _____

Procedure time: _____ (Please arrive 15 minutes early)