

Your appointment is at Northfield Hospital Campus

(2000 North Avenue)

Date: _____

Time: _____

Please check in at:

- Women's Health Center
- Hospital Front Desk
- Emergency Department

Diagnostic Imaging is a service of Northfield Hospital + Clinics.

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- General Radiology (X-ray)
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- PET/CT
- Fluoroscopy
- Diagnostic Ultrasound
- Digital Mammography
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- Nuclear Medicine
- Bone Densitometry (DEXA)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

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Northfield Clinic

2000 North Avenue
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Northfield:

1381 Jefferson Road
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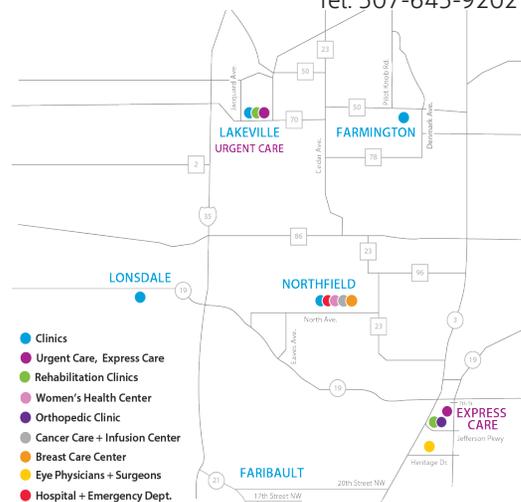
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MRI Scan

What you need to
know about MRI Scan

What is MRI Scanning?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a way of enabling your provider to see inside your body without the use of surgery or radiation. MRI uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves. There are no known biological hazards associated with MRIs.

Prior to your scan

Because there are some things that may interfere with an MRI scan and may be dangerous to your health, please pay particular attention to the following list of specific items and check any that apply to you.

- Cardiac pacemaker**
- Ear implants**
- Heart valve or stent placement surgery**
- Dental braces**
- Brain aneurysm clips**
- Pregnant**
- Neuro-stimulators**
- Claustrophobia**
- Head surgery**
- Current cold or cough**
- Metallic fragments within the eye**
- Broken bones treated with metal rods, plates, or pins**
- Surgery within the past 6 weeks**
- Inability to lie still or flat on your back for approximately 30-45 minutes**

If you checked any of the previous items, please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department at 507-646-1143 to notify a member of the staff.

Preparing for your exam

- Continue to take prescription medicines on schedule—unless your provider has instructed you differently.
- Leave your valuables at home—including any body piercings.
- Please feel free to bring a favorite CD with you for listening during the exam.
- You will be asked to change into hospital attire when you arrive for your exam.
- You will be asked to complete and sign the MRI Safety Screening Form and Health History Form.
- Please use the restroom prior to the time of your appointment. Once the exam has begun, any interruption may result in having to re-start the exam.
- If you will be taking a medication to help you through the exam, a driver will be required to take you home.

What to expect

On the scanner table, a technologist will position you as comfortably as possible. Depending on the body part to be examined, your body will enter the scanner either head-first or feet-first. (The part of the body to be examined must be positioned in the center of the scanner.) You will be given hearing protection to muffle the loud tapping noises that the scanner makes. Or you may listen to your favorite music. You will also be given an alert bulb so you may summon the technologist at any time during the exam.

The technologist will perform your exam from the adjoining control room. You will be able to communicate with the technologist by means of the alert bulb and the intercom system. To

obtain the best imaging for the provider, it is important that, once you are positioned, you remain as still as possible.

It may be necessary to give you an injection to contrast material during the exam. This injection will be primarily in your arm and will consist of a contrast material that will highlight certain structures in your body. The radiologist will determine whether or not the injection is needed for your exam.

If you have any questions or concerns about the exam, please feel free to ask the technologist at any time.

Results

The radiologist will review the images and send a report to your provider in 2 to 3 business days, but can take as long as a week. Your provider will inform you of the results. You may also view your report online through **MyHealth Info** available three business days after the exam has been read by the radiologist.

Scheduling appointments or questions

Please call the Diagnostic Imaging Department Scheduler at 507-646-1143 to schedule or change an appointment, or if you have questions.