

Patient Information Prior To The Scan

Arrive 30 minutes before your appointment. If you would be more comfortable in your own clothes, wear a metal free sweatshirt and sweatpants. Otherwise we will provide you with a patient gown. Bring your insurance cards, previous diagnostic exams related to your scan such as x-rays, CT scans, or plain films.

Upon arrival you will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your medical history & symptoms related to the MRI exam. Please bring a list of your current medications including over the counter medicines and herbal remedies.

Notify the Technologist if you have/are:

- Aneurysm clips
- Permanent pacemaker
- Metal Fragments in your eyes
- Pregnant
- STARR-EDWARDS pre 6000 (1960-1964) heart valves
- Cochlear (ear) implant (3m/House)
- Cochlear (ear) implant (3m/Vienna)



From Henderson

Highway 39/401 South to Louisburg

From Wake Forest/Youngsville

US1 to Highway 56 East to Louisburg
or Highway 98 East to Highway 401 North to Louisburg

Hospital Entrance

Enter the hospital through the Outpatient/Admissions entrance off of Bickett Boulevard/Highway 401. The entrance is directly beside the Emergency Entrance.



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Our Magnet Resonance
Imaging (MRI) Services

About Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

An MRI is a powerful, dynamic way for doctors to see inside our bodies to diagnose and identify certain problems and diseases. An MRI is not an x-ray but a combination of magnetic fields, radio waves and computer that all work together to create two or even three-dimensional images of exactly what's happening within us. You'll discover that MRI is painless and much quicker than you think. In fact, you'll probably be very comfortable as you lie back on the padded table and enter a well lit short bore magnet that is open at both ends. The accuracy and speed of the latest MRI scanners means that you will be done quickly and your doctor will have to run fewer, if any, follow-up scans. Many of your questions about MRI are answered here, but should you have any other questions or concerns, please contact our MRI team at (919) 497-8483.



Our MRI Team

The MRI team at Franklin Regional Medical Center is comprised of Trained Assistants, ARRT Registered Technologists, Registered Nurses, and Board Certified

Fellowship Trained Subspecialty Radiologists. All here to ensure the quality of your care and treatment.



Before Your Scan

Once cleared for your MRI procedure the technologist will talk to you one on one to address your medical history, and details of your MRI scan. If you have anxiety or claustrophobia, fear of small spaces, we can schedule you with oral or IV sedation for your comfort. Oral and IV sedation requires that you bring a driver and must be scheduled by your physician. Our goal at Franklin Regional Medical Center is to provide comfort, safety, understanding, a detailed scan and excellent care so you can start feeling better.

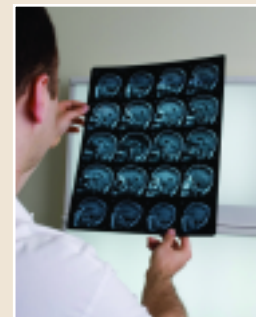


During the Scan

The technologist will explain the procedure to you in detail and answer any questions or concerns you may have before starting. The average scan will take between 30 & 45 minutes. You will hear a rapping sound as the images are being taken. Headphones will be available to you, so bring your favorite CD! You will be in contact with a technologist at all times on a two way microphone system for any needs you may have during the scan.

After Your Scan

Once your procedure is completed our Board Certified Radiologists will interpret the study and send a final report to your ordering physician within 48-72 hours. Your ordering physician will then be able to discuss the results with you. In addition, the Technologists will review any post procedure instructions with you prior to leaving.



Frequently Asked Questions

Why are MRI Scans important?

MRI scans allow doctors to see images of your internal organs and structures in great detail from many angles. This gives them information more quickly, and in many cases more economically, than past tests and exploratory surgeries.

Do I have to hold still the whole time?

It is important for image clarity and the best scan results to hold still during the exam. The technologists will inform you when you may move between scans. Keep in mind a routine exam can take at least 20 minutes.

Is there any risk to having an MRI?

An MRI is very safe. There are no health risks associated with the magnetic field or the radio waves used by the machine, nor have any side effects been reported. Patients with a pacemaker or certain types of aneurysm clips should not have an MRI.