You Are Scheduled for an MRI

Name: ___________________________
Date of Birth: _____________________
Date: ____________________________
Report Time: _____________________
Procedure Time: __________________
Study: ___________________________
History/Diagnosis: ________________
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ICD-10 Code and Description: ______
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Authorization Number: ____________
Doctor Signature: __________________
Date: ____________________________

Location:
- Reading Hospital
  C-Building, 1st floor
- Reading Hospital Imaging at Exeter
  2 Hearthstone Ct., Reading
- Reading Hospital Imaging at Leesport
  5479 Pottsville Pike, Leesport
- Reading Hospital Imaging at Spring Ridge
  2603 Keiser Blvd., Wyomissing

To schedule your appointment or if you must cancel, please call 484-628-8611. If you have any questions about Magnetic Resonance Imaging, please ask.

Directions
Reading Hospital is located at 420 S. 5th Avenue in West Reading.
The Radiology department is located on the 1st floor of C-Building.

Where to Park: Park in the 6th Avenue Garage.

Where to Enter: Enter the hospital at the D-Lobby entrance, and proceed to the reception desk. Present your ID and receive a visitor pass to help you find your way.

Where You Are Going: Follow signs to the Imaging reception desk.

Please bring this brochure, your health plan ID card, photo identification and your pre-approval or referral forms to your appointment.
Your doctor has scheduled you for a special type of diagnostic study—Magnetic Resonance Imaging or MRI. This brochure explains the procedure so you will know what to expect on the day of your study.

**About MRI**

MRI studies use radio waves and a strong magnetic field to produce very clear, multi-layered pictures of bones, organs and tissues. These studies assist your doctor in making a diagnosis and in planning treatment.

**Preparation**

There are no special steps for you to follow before your MRI exam. Unless your doctor tells you differently, you may eat and drink as usual and take whatever medications you need.

If you tend to become claustrophobic—fear of enclosed or small spaces—you may wish to request a mild sedative from your personal doctor.

**If you are taking a sedative, arrange to have someone drive you to and from your appointment.**

**Registration**

Before your appointment, a hospital staff member will call you and verify your health benefits and contact information. Please bring a photo ID card and your health benefits card with you on the day of your MRI study.

Depending on the part of your body being studied, the length of the exam will vary. MRI studies usually require 30 to 90 minutes.

**Procedure**

When you arrive for your appointment, you will be asked a series of questions about your medical history. Your answers to these questions help assure your safety during the MRI.

Please be sure to tell the technologist if you have had any surgery in which the doctor may have implanted something in your body—such as metal rods, pins or screws, clips and pacemakers.

It is also very important to know if you have had an eye injury at any time in your life. Also, if you are pregnant or think you might be, please tell the technologist.

You will be taken to a dressing room and asked to change into an exam gown. Make sure you remove all items that may be affected by the magnet, such as your watch, jewelry, credit cards, keys, coins and hairpins. This is for your safety, as well as the safety of our staff and the equipment itself. You will store these personal items in a locker until your study is completed.

When you are ready, you will be taken into the scan room and assisted onto the exam table. The technologist will explain the procedure and answer your questions. Next, you will be positioned for the exam and made as comfortable as possible. Depending on the study being performed, we may place lightweight devices, called coils, around your body to aid in obtaining images.

When the procedure starts, the table will move inside the magnet opening. You will be asked to lie still during the procedure, as movements can blur the images.

You will feel vibrations and hear loud noises from the MRI equipment. We will provide earplugs and, when possible, music to muffle the sound.

**Note:** The technologist is able to see and hear you at all times and will speak to you during the exam.

**Follow-Up**

Remember, you will experience no discomfort during this examination and there are no side effects. Unless you received a sedative, you will be able to drive, return to work and resume all your normal activities when your MRI exam is complete.

The images acquired during this procedure will be reviewed by a radiologist who will then report the results to your doctor. If you are an active MyChart user, you can expect to receive the results when they are available.