



# You are about to have an **MRI** exam

## **What is MRI?**

MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) is a medical imaging procedure that allows to perform a painless, non-invasive exam, extremely useful for your doctor. The MRI uses a magnetic field to visualize body's organs and structures with a high accuracy. It is a non-irradiant exam, without any danger for you.

## **What should I do to be prepared for an MRI?**

You will be invited to answer a questionnaire that will help the radiologist understand your personal health situation and possible contraindications. The medical personnel could ask you to remove your clothes and wear a gown during the exam. They will ask you as well to remove any metallic object, and specify if you have any implanted metal device, such as prosthesis or pacemaker. This is because metal could interact with the magnet in the scanner. In addition, an intravenous injection could be required to aid in visualization of specific tissues or organs. Finally, it is important that you remain very still during the exam, in order to obtain the highest quality MRI results.

## **Is the MRI exam going to hurt?**

This exam is a non-invasive procedure, and totally painless, meaning that the body is not tampered with in any way. However, it is always a very noisy exam. For your comfort, hearing protection devices will be provided.

## **How long does the MRI test last?**

The exam takes from 10 to 40 minutes. The duration of the exam may vary depending on the body part being examined, and your cooperation in staying very still.

***Relax and unwind.***  
***You're in good hands here.***

