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The scheduling process for an MRI?

Your physician has requested that you have an MRI. Your physician will forward the request to the MRI Scheduling Department. The Resurgens MRI Scheduling Department will call you within 2 business days to schedule the MRI. If you have not received a call within this time frame please call 678-985-7180, and select option 1. We look forward to meeting your MRI needs.

*Please note that some insurance companies can take up to 7 days to authorize your MRI once your MRI procedure has been ordered.

What is an MRI?

MRI is a painless and safe diagnostic procedure using a strong magnet and radio waves to produce detailed images of the body. An MRI shows structures of the body including: joint, cartilage, tendons, ligaments, muscles and blood vessels in 3 views. Images from an MRI scan are digital in nature and can be saved or stored on a computer. A technologist specializing in MRI imaging will administer and oversee the entire procedure.

How should I prepare for the scan?

- Patients who have claustrophobia or anxiety can ask their treating physician for medication to help to reduce anxiety. If medication is prescribed, make certain a designated driver comes with you to the procedure.
- Discontinuation of medications is not necessary for the MRI.
- Eating and drinking is allowed before an MRI.
- Wear loose fitting clothing that contains no metal.
- Remove all jewelry, body piercings and hair pins.
- Due to safety concerns, unaccompanied minors are prohibited in the MRI department.

MRI LOCATIONS

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2041 Mesa Valley Way
Suite 100
Austell, GA 30106
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LAWRENCEVILLE

758 Old Norcross Rd.
Suite 110
Lawrenceville, GA 30046
(678) 985-7141

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3211 Iris Dr.
Suite B
Covington, GA 30016
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MIDTOWN

550 Peachtree St.
19th floor
Atlanta, GA 30308
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6635 Lake Dr.
Morrow, GA 30260
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Kennesaw, GA 30144
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MRI APPOINTMENTS
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What to expect during the procedure?

The procedure will take 30-60 minutes, depending on the body part undergoing the exam. The patient will be alone in the room during the procedure, however, the technologist will be able to see, hear and communicate with the patient at all times. The MRI will produce loud knocking and humming noises during the scan. Ear plugs will be provided to the patient to reduce the noise. Some scanners have music for the patient to enjoy.

What happens after the exam is completed?

After the exam is completed, the images will be sent to a radiologist. The radiologist will analyze the images and send a report to your physician who will then discuss the results of your exam with you at your follow-up visit.



What is an MRI with contrast?

An MRI with contrast media may be ordered as part of your exam. The MRI scanning procedure will require injecting a vein with a dye which circulates through the blood stream, enhancing the pictures of the body's structures. Most patients experience no unusual effects from this injection. A scan will be performed prior to the contrast media and immediately following. Patients are instructed to drink plenty of water the day before to hydrate the veins before this study is performed.



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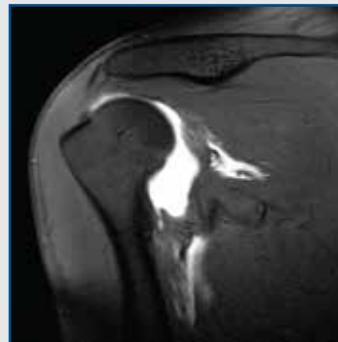
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What is an Arthrogram?

An arthrogram is a diagnostic test using a contrast medium injected into a joint with X-ray fluoroscopy guidance, followed by an MRI to obtain a series of pictures of a joint (shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee or ankle). This exam is usually ordered to determine a cause to an injury or symptom the patient may be experiencing. The contrast medium or dye outlines the soft tissue structures of the joint, including tendons, ligaments and cartilage allowing images to be seen more clearly of the joint.

What happens during an Arthrogram?

First, the patient will be escorted by a technologist and given appropriate instructions. The technologist will position the patient and then bring the Radiologist in the room. Using an antiseptic solution, the Radiologist will clean the skin over the joint being examined. Following this, a local anesthetic may be injected into the skin to numb the area where the contrast medium will be injected. The patient may feel a slight stinging sensation. Then, using fluoroscopy (an imaging technique that uses X-rays to obtain real-time moving images of the internal structures) to ensure the correct placement, a needle will be placed into the joint and the contrast medium will be injected into the joint. The injection may be accompanied by a feeling of 'fullness' in the joint but should not be painful. Following the injection, the patient will be taken to the MRI suite where the scan of the joint will be performed.



How long does an Arthrogram take?

The arthrogram part itself usually takes about 20 minutes. The patient may have to wait a short time before having the scan performed. The subsequent MRI scan may take 30-60 minutes, depending on the joint and the number of scans that must be performed. You should allow approximately 1 1/2 to 2 hours from arrival at the imaging department.

Are there any after effects of an Arthrogram?

Most patients feel some mild to moderate increase of soreness in the joint for 24-48 hours following the injection. The joint will then return to feeling the way it felt prior to the examination.



Will the MRI be covered by my insurance?

A benefits representative from Resurgens will call you prior to your appointment outlining your responsibilities and estimate for payment. If you have additional questions about your benefits contact our MRI department at (678) 985-7180 as well as your insurance provider.