

Frequently Asked Questions: Having an MRI

Will the MRI hurt?

The exam itself will not hurt. However, some exams require placement of an IV line, which uses a needle. However, we offer numbing medication and assistance from a child life specialist to help make the experience more comfortable.

Is the MRI loud?

The MRI scanner is very loud, but everyone in the scan room wears hearing protection.

Can parents accompany their child during the MRI?

One adult can go in with the patient so long as they meet the screening criteria.

How long does the MRI take?

Each exam takes a different length of time. We can give an estimated time when you arrive for the exam.

When will we get the results?

After your exam, you will receive a card that states an estimated time when results will be available, as well as the name and phone number of the doctor who will receive the results.

Can I get a copy of the results?

Yes. Please ask the staff members at the radiology reception desk for help completing a request form.