

MRI Safety



Getting Ready for a Safe MRI Test

A Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a test that takes detailed pictures inside of the body. The MRI pictures help doctors see tissues, muscles, and bones. Because the MRI machine is a strong magnet, it can be unsafe to have metal objects on or inside the body. To keep you safe and avoid burns, staff will ask if your child has any metal or implants inside their body. Your child will be asked to remove their regular clothing and wear a hospital gown.

What devices and objects do I need to tell my care team about?

Medical devices, Objects and Adhesives like:		Devices placed in the mouth like:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Pacemakers▪ Hearing aids▪ Drug Delivery Systems like a port or insulin pump▪ Heart monitors▪ Prosthetics (Artificial limb)▪ Ventriculoperitoneal (VP) shunt▪ Vagus Nerve Stimulation (VNS)▪ Portable suction▪ Spinal Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Medical patches▪ Pulse Oximeter▪ Temperature Probes▪ Shrapnel (pieces of metal from a bullet)▪ Pellet bullets▪ Jewelry▪ Earrings or other piercings▪ False eyelashes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Oral Expanders (dental tools put inside the mouth)▪ Oral Spacers (dental tools put inside the mouth)▪ Braces▪ Temporary or permanent retainers▪ Bivona Tracheostomy

How will my care team check my body?

To make sure you are safe, the care team will check your skin and mouth to make sure that you can safely have an MRI test. Caregivers will be asked to check the breast and groin area.

Thank you and please let the Radiology staff know if you have any questions.

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