

Face and Neck MR Angiography

Appointment Information

Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Address: _____

Notes: _____

About

MR (magnetic resonance) angiography, or MRA, is a medical test that assists radiologists in identifying medical conditions related to blood vessels. MR Angiography of the face and neck creates a detailed image of your blood vessels to identify health problems.

Unlike traditional angiograms, radiologists use magnetic resonance angiography which is a far less invasive and a less painful procedure. MR angiography uses a magnetic field, radio waves and a contrast material to produce detailed images of blood vessels throughout the body. This procedure does not use ionizing radiation, and can effectively detect, diagnose and aid in the treatment of heart disorders, stroke and other blood vessel diseases.

During a face and neck MR angiography, you lie flat inside the imaging scanner, which is a large, tunnel-like tube that takes pictures of the face and neck.

Preparations

On the day of the MR angiography scan, you will be asked to change into a gown. You should wear loose clothing and remove all metal objects, including jewelry, eyeglasses and hair clips. Hearing aids, dentures and other removable objects should be taken out as well to avoid interfering with the face and neck MR angiography scan.

Tell your technologist if you have any metal screws, surgical staples or other metal in your body. You will be asked to remove any piercings if possible.

Keep taking your regular medicines prescribed by your doctor. Please inform our office of any known allergies to medications. Also, let our technologist know if you have asthma, multiple myeloma or any disorder of the heart, kidneys, or thyroid gland, or if you have diabetes before receiving a MRI angiography scan.