

# Neck MR Scan

## Appointment Information

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## About

The neck MR scan does not use radiation and it allows superior images of soft tissue structures such as the neck. An MR unit is very similar in appearance to a CT or PET scanner.

A neck MRI scan helps differentiate normal from diseased neuronal tissue in the neck. The neck MRI scan allows radiologists to capture high resolution images to better see anatomic detail and identify subtle pathology. In addition to identifying features of tumors of neck, a neck MR scan is becoming increasingly useful in predicting the course of disease and gauging the effectiveness of a particular therapy.

A neck MRI scan allows radiologists to identify a variety of medical conditions in the neck, including:

- Tumors and cysts in the neck
- Abnormalities in the neck
- Injuries to the neck

## Preparations

On the day of your neck MR scan, you will change into a gown 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 neck MRI 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 your radiologist of any known allergies to medications. Also, let our staff 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 neck MR scan.