

# Prostate MR Scan

## Appointment Information

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

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

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

## About

A prostate MR scan is used to evaluate the extent of prostate cancer. The prostate MR scan can determine if the cancer is confined to the prostate, or if it has spread outside of the prostate gland. The prostate gland is part of the male reproductive system and is located in front of the rectum and below the bladder and surrounds the first part of the urethra.

Occasionally, a prostate MR scan is used to evaluate other prostate problems, including:

- Infection or prostate abscess
- An enlarged prostate, called benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH)
- Congenital abnormalities
- Complications after pelvic surgery

## Preparations

You will be asked to change into a gown on the day of your prostate MR scan. You will be asked to remove all metal objects including jewelry, watches, dentures, and removable hearing aids prior to your exam.

Guidelines about eating and drinking before a prostate MR scan vary with the specific exam. Unless you are told otherwise, you may follow your regular daily routine and eat and take medications as usual.

Please inform your radiologist of any health conditions and recent illnesses and surgeries.