



Your MRI Scan

You might be a little scared about getting an MRI scan. There's no reason to worry. Getting your scan won't hurt a bit. Here's some information to help you learn a little more about what getting an MRI scan is all about.

Will it hurt?



Not at all! You won't feel anything during your MR scan.

Will it take long?



The 3.0T Signa EXCITE HDX system from GE Healthcare is fast... in fact, so fast your scan may take only a few minutes!



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What is an MRI Scanner?

MR (short for Magnetic Resonance) scanners are a special kind of camera that takes pictures of your insides. It can see inside your head, body, arms, legs... everywhere!



What will happen during my MRI Scan?

First, you'll go to the hospital or medical center where the MR scanner is kept. When you get there, you'll go into a special room that has a table in it that kind of looks like a bed and a machine that kind of looks like a big donut. That's the MRI scanner.

A person called a technologist will take you into the room and help you get onto the table. The technologist may adjust the table up or down and back and forth so that the scanner can take the best picture of your insides. After the technologist has made sure you're in the right position and comfortable, he or she will go to a computer kept behind a glass wall and start the MR scanner by pushing a button.

You'll need to stay very still during the scan. You'll also be asked to hold your breath. To make it easier, you can watch the timer and the little face on the scanner that holds its breath with you. When the scanner starts, it will make a buzzing sound, kind of like a washing machine. The table will move you through the center of the scanner while it takes pictures of your body. After the scan is done, the technologist will help you get off the table and take you back to where your family's waiting for you.



Why do I need a MRI Scan?

When people get hurt, doctors sometimes need to see their insides to make sure they're OK. Your doctor wants to make sure that you're healthy inside so you get back to playing with your friends again.

Where will my family be while I'm getting my MRI Scan?

Your family will be waiting outside the scan room for you. As soon as your scan is done, the technologist will take you out to them to wait while the doctor looks at your pictures.