

Our Mission

The mission of Sarah Bush Lincoln is to provide exceptional care for *all* and create healthy communities.

Diagnostic Services

MRI Scan

WHAT TO EXPECT



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Today, your doctor has ordered a test called a MRI scan, also known as Magnetic Resonance Imaging. This brochure will share some information with you on what to expect. We hope to answer some commonly asked questions to help calm any fears you may have. Our goal is to always provide the very best care to you and your loved ones at Sarah Bush Lincoln.

What to Expect

- 1.** MRI uses a powerful magnetic field to produce detailed pictures of organs, soft tissues, bone and virtually all other internal structures. MRI does not use X-rays.
- 2.** Most MRI exams can be completed in 30 minutes or less per exam. The MRI scanner is a large machine with a cylinder-like opening that is fully lit, ventilated and open at both ends. You will lie flat on the table with the body part being imaged in the center, where you will be for the remainder of the test.
- 3.** MRI scanners are loud, for which you will be given hearing protection in the form of either ear plugs or head phones with music depending of the exam type. For your safety, we will offer gowns and scrub pants for clothing that has any metallic features such as zippers, buttons, hooks. etc.

4. A technologist will be in a separate room during your exam, but can see and hear you at all times. You will be able to communicate with the technologist through an intercom. You will also be given a squeeze ball that will immediately alarm the technologist of any issues you may have.

5. After the exam, the technologist will answer any questions you have and walk you back to the main lobby.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Will this exam hurt?*

For some exams the technologist will have to start an IV or take blood work. On scans involving contrast, a clear liquid will be injected through your IV to help visualize your body for specific types of diseases or disorders.

2. *Will I be OK after this scan?*

YES, there are no restrictions placed on you after your procedure. You may resume eating, drinking and medications like normal unless instructed differently by your doctor.

3. *When will I receive my results?*

A radiologist (imaging physician) will interpret the hundreds of images that are taken during your exam. Please allow two to three days for your physician to receive and review your results.

We work diligently to provide a safe environment to care for our patients. Sarah Bush Lincoln technologists participate in a yearly safety education course to ensure the safety of our patients remains our first priority. A registered MRI technologist will ask you a series of questions with you to make sure it is safe for you to be scanned. Some patients are unable to have MRI scans because certain implants and pacemakers may not be MRI compatible.

Thank you for choosing Sarah Bush Lincoln.

