


EXAM: MRI THORACIC SPINE Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187		
INDICATIONS:	MRI is a very detailed exam that can show body structures and help to rule out or identify abnormalities.	
CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	Table Limit: 440lbs. Pacemakers, brain aneurysm clips, some neurostimulators, cardiac defibrillators, cochlear implant and some other implants. There are many implants that are MRI safe. You will be contacted by the MRI technologist to review your medical history and safety for the exam prior to your appointment time.	
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE AND WHERE DO I GO?	On average this exam will take approximately 25 minutes once on the table. You will be contacted by the patient access representative to preregister prior to your arrival. Enter at the main doors, walk past the waterfall on the first floor and then continue down the hall to the last waiting room on the right. This is the Imaging Comfort Area.	
PREPARATION:	All piercings and jewelry will need to be removed. If you are unable to remove something it will need to be reviewed directly with the MRI technologist before your appointment . You will be changed into a hospital gown for your exam. If the exam is ordered with contrast, lab work may be needed 24 - 48 hours prior to exam. The technologist will notify you. If you have concerns about claustrophobia, please discuss with your doctor prior to your arrival.	
PRECAUTIONS:	If you have EVER had exposure to metal in your eyes, you will be asked to arrive 1 hr. earlier to have orbit x-rays taken for clearance.	
MEDICATION ISSUES:	You may take medications as usual. If you are having a contrasted exam, you will be asked to bring a current medication list to your exam.	
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	During the exam the patient will have a piece of equipment placed on or around the specific area to be imaged. That body part is placed into the center of the magnetic field. The patient will then hear a variety of knocking noises. You will be provided with ear plugs or a music headset to minimize the effects of the related noise. It is very important that the patient be able to hold still for the exam. Should you have any questions, you may contact a MRI technologist at (330)596-7727.	