

## MRI

MRI uses magnetic fields to obtain high resolution, three-dimensional images of any area of the body.

MRI is offered at our Red Deer location.

**Most MRI procedures covered by Alberta Health Care**

(Private pay options available)

**Referrals are necessary for all bookings**

**Exam Duration:** 15 - 45mins

## PATIENT PREPARATION

- ❌ **You can not** have an MRI if you have a pacemaker or certain surgically implanted devices.
- ✅ Our MRI booking specialist will review an MRI safety screening form with you.
- ✅ Inform our MRI booking specialist **if there is a chance of pregnancy.**
- ✅ Take all medications as necessary.
- ✅ **4 hour fasting** is required for all abdominal and pelvic studies.
- ✅ Wear loose comfortable clothing with no metal or zippers.
- ✅ You may be asked to change into a gown.

## WHAT TO EXPECT DURING YOUR EXAM:

- ✅ The technologist will review the MRI safety screening form prior to entering the scan room.
- ✅ Depending on the type of exam, you may need an intravenous line started for injection of contrast media.
- ✅ After you are positioned on the table you will be given a headset to both listen to music and communicate with the technologist.
- ✅ You will be required to **hold very still** during the exam.
- ✅ There will be loud "banging" sounds as the images are obtained.
- ✅ You may feel warm during the procedure which is completely normal.

## AFTER YOUR EXAM:

- ✅ You will be free to go.

CAMIS strives to have the results sent to your referring doctor **within 24 hours**. Sometimes exams require consultation which can delay reporting. If your doctor has **not received results in 7 days**, please email [connect@camiscare.ca](mailto:connect@camiscare.ca) with the concern and include your Alberta Health Care number. An administrator will determine the cause of the delay and respond to you.

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