

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 Notre Dame location.

Most MRI procedures covered by Alberta Health Care
(Private pay options available)

Referrals are necessary for all bookings

Exam Duration: 15 - 60 mins

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. Please arrive 30 minutes early.
-  Wear loose comfortable clothing with no metal or zippers.
-  You will 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 results sent to your referring doctor **as soon as possible**. In some cases, exams may require consultation, which can delay reporting. Rest assured, our team works carefully to ensure your results are accurate and communicated promptly to support your care.