

## Welcome!

Here at **Advanced Diagnostic Group** centers you can always expect to be greeted by a caring, attentive and efficient staff. Our mission is to treat you like we would like to be treated ourselves, while providing a comfortable and relaxing environment for you and your family. Before you know it...you'll be out the door and on your way towards wellness!

### State-of-the-Art Technology

Whether it's an MRI, Mammography or X-ray, our state-of-the-art equipment provides the most accurate images that science and technology currently offer. You can count on us to provide you and your physician with the highest quality imaging available.

### Quality Results, Fast Turnaround

While it's true you can depend on us for quality images, superior service and an efficient, caring staff, you can also count on us for quick imaging turnaround. Our board-certified radiologists will provide your physician with the results they need to make an accurate diagnosis, usually within 24 hours.



### What is MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is noninvasive, painless medical test that helps physicians diagnose and treat medical conditions. They are "pictures" or scans of the inside of your body that is taken with out any discomfort to you during the process. In fact, you can resume your daily activities immediately after the test, knowing that the MRI we provide your physician will give them the information necessary to accurately diagnose.

### How does an MRI work?

An MRI uses a powerful magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to produce detailed pictures of organs, bone and virtually all other internal body structures and soft tissue, such as muscles, ligaments and tendons, which would not ordinarily be revealed by X-rays. The computer processes signals and generates a series of images each of which shows a thin slice of the body. It then compiles the images into a three-dimensional representation of the body, which can be studied from many different angles on a computer monitor. MRI does not use ionizing radiation.

### What is the MRI exam like?

The exam usually takes 15 to 30 minutes. It consists of several image exposures lasting an average of six minutes each. You will be asked to remove your eyeglasses, watch, jewelry, credit cards, hearing aids and any other metallic objects you might be carrying. The technologist works from behind a control area and remains in constant contact with you, both visually and through an intercom. Music is available in the background or feel free to bring your favorite CD or reading material!



### What if I am nervous or claustrophobic?

In certain circumstances nervousness or claustrophobia may present a challenge. If you think you might be prone to anxiety, a sedative may be prescribed for an MRI by your primary care physician. If you normally experience anxiety, you may be surprised to find how easy and comfortable your exam will be. If your doctor does prescribe a sedative, however, you will need to make sure someone can drive you home.

### Are there any risks?

MRIs are very safe. There are no health risks associated with the magnetic field or radio waves used by an MRI machine. Please note, however, that pregnant women will need written authorization from their OB/GYN for an MRI or X-ray.

Due to special circumstances it is wise to limit the use of a magnetic field. Please be sure to tell us if you or someone accompanying you into the exam room may have the following:

- Cardiac pacemaker or artificial heart valve
- Metal plate, pins or other metallic implants such as staples, clips or dental bridges
- Insulin pump or other infusion pump
- Aneurysm clips
- Previous gun wound or shrapnel
- Inner ear implant or hearing aids
- History as a metal worker/metal in your eye
- Pregnancy

At **Advanced Diagnostic Group**, the technological and diagnostic qualities of our MRI machines are state-of-the-art, but most importantly you will find that you can relax and look forward to experiencing your exam in comfort!

### You can count on us:

- Free patient transportation
- MRI accommodates patients up to 450 lbs
- Same-day appointments
- Full X-ray facilities; scheduled or walk-in
- Convenient weekday hours and Saturday appointments available

**NOTE:** Please remember to bring your prescription & insurance information with you to your appointment.

### Patient Testimonials

*"From the beginning to end it was a positive experience. I would not hesitate to recommend your services. Blessings on you and all you do for your patients."*

-Sister Catherine Cahill  
OSF Director; Franciscan Center

*"The staff was so welcoming and professional. I was even able to read my book during the procedure and my physician was very impressed with the quality of your scans!"*

-Mark Cohen

*"I have recently had a series of MRIs at your facility. I just wanted to let your staff know how much I deeply appreciated their caring professionalism in their treatment of me."*

-Judith M. Shaw

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