

What you need to know about Pain Management

Preparing for your procedure.



Your wellness is our priority.

St. Paul Radiology takes great pride by providing you with the best care and service experience in the East Metro area.

We want to ensure you a positive experience at one of our St. Paul Radiology locations by offering information on Pain Management.

Pain Management Injections provide long-term pain relief by using image guidance to ensure proper needle placement. Then, a combination of local anesthetic and steroid are delivered to the source of pain.

What is a pain management injection?

There are several types of pain management injections. Spinal injections, including: epidural steroid, sacroiliac joint, and facet injections, provide long-term pain relief by delivering a combination of local anesthetic and steroids to an area in the spinal column or pelvis that is the source of pain. Joint injections are also performed to provide pain relief. Your procedure will be performed by a Board Certified Radiologist with Fluoroscopic X-ray guidance to ensure proper needle placement.

Injections performed at St. Paul Radiology

- Arthrography
- Epidural Steroid Injection (Transforaminal Approach)
 - Cervical
 - Thoracic
 - Lumbar
- Extremity Joint Injection
- Facet Joint Injection
- MRI Arthrography
- Sacroiliac Joint Steroid Injection
- Selective Nerve Root Block
- Trigger Point Injection

Are there medication restrictions for this procedure?

Yes. If you are on Coumadin, Heparin or Plavix, you will need to discontinue this medication prior to your procedure. You must consult your physician for approval before you stop taking your medication.

Can I eat or drink before my procedure?

You may consume only clear liquids for three hours prior to your exam. Medications other than those mentioned above may be taken with water. If you have diabetes, please follow your normal insulin schedule.

How much time should I allow?

Procedures typically take 30 minutes, but may vary depending on the injection ordered. Following your procedure, you will be monitored for at least 15 minutes before you can leave our imaging center.

What should I wear to my procedure?

Please wear comfortable clothing without metal zippers or other metal fasteners. For some procedures you may be asked to change into a cloth gown. Lockers are available to store your personal belongings.

What should I bring to my procedure?

Please bring all prior imaging on a disk and reports that relate to this procedure (MRI, CT, etc) if they were not performed at St. Paul Radiology. The radiologist will need this information to perform your procedure.

Please bring your insurance card. Your insurance company will be billed for the procedure. You will receive a bill for any co-pay or non-covered expenses from St. Paul Radiology Outpatient Imaging.

You must bring a driver to take you home after your injection.

Will the injection be painful?

The amount and degree of discomfort that you will experience is highly variable depending on the injection that was ordered. Every attempt is made to maximize your comfort during the course of the procedure.

How does the procedure work?

X-ray is used to guide the placement of a needle to the area of pain in your body. Medication is then injected into the problem area. Please keep in mind that it may take up to one week before the medication takes effect.

How will I feel after the procedure?

You will be able to move about freely, but may want to perform only light activity for the remainder of the day. You must bring a driver to take you home after your injection.

Should I see the radiologist for ongoing pain management care?

Since you have been referred for pain relief, you may be scheduled for one or a series of injections. Once you have completed your pain management injection(s), you should follow-up with your primary physician for ongoing care. You will need a referral from your primary physician for future pain management injections.



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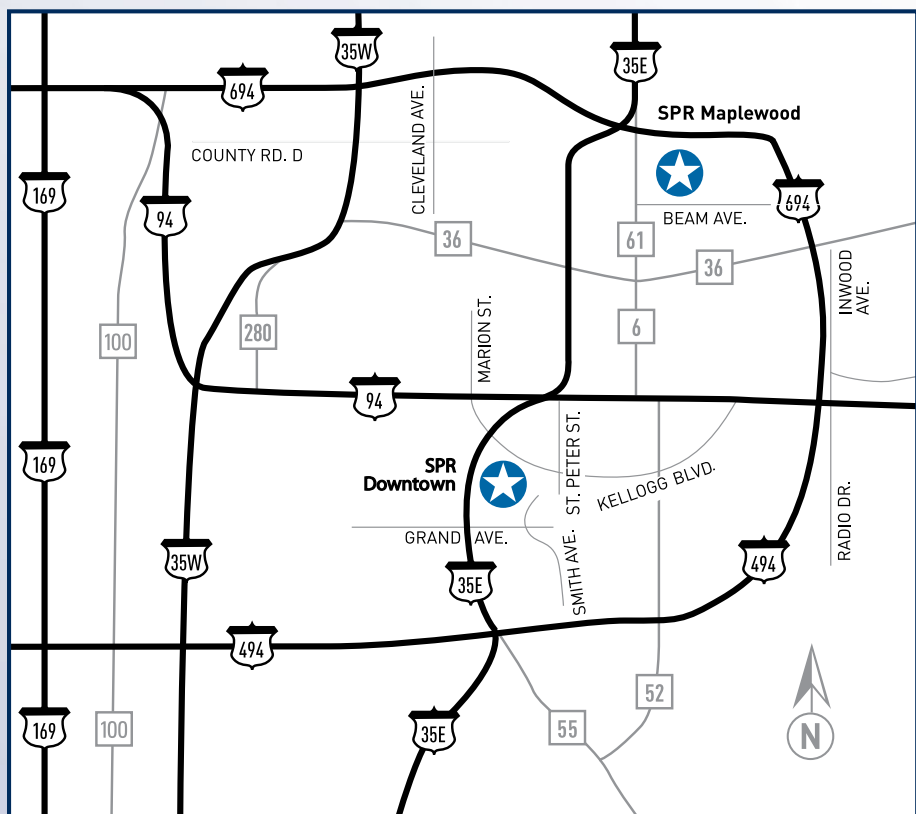
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We're aiming for 100%.

Over 98% patients surveyed said they were satisfied with their experience at St. Paul Radiology. We understand their concerns and make them a priority.

If you have additional questions, please contact the St. Paul Radiology scheduling department at **651.632.5700.**



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