

# What you need to know about Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

*Preparing for your procedure.*



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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 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI, is a procedure that gathers information about your body using a magnet, radiowaves, and a computer to create detailed internal images of the body.

## **What is MRI?**

Your physician has ordered a diagnostic procedure known as Magnetic Resonance Imaging, or MRI. MRI uses a magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to create extremely detailed images of the human body. Before your exam begins, an MRI technologist will ask you some medical questions, explain your procedure and assist you into the MRI room. You will be asked to lie on a padded table, which will move into the magnet opening, and your exam will begin.

## **What information will I need to provide prior to my MRI examination?**

You will be asked to complete a medical questionnaire that will assist the technologist in assuring that the highest quality exam is performed.

**IMPORTANT:** *Please make sure your physician and the technologist performing your exam know if you have a pacemaker, prosthesis, aneurysm clips, metal implants or other metal objects in your body. If you know you have had metal in your eyes, please inform us, as you may require an additional study prior to your MRI.*

## **What should I wear to my appointment?**

It is best to dress in comfortable clothing that does not have zippers or other metal fasteners. If you cannot wear this to your exam, our facilities will provide cloth gowns or robes. Lockers are available to store your personal belongings.

## **Is there any preparation on my part prior to my MRI?**

Most MRI examinations require no preparation. However, for exams that do require preparation, information will be provided to you by your physician's office.

## **What should I bring to my appointment?**

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.

## **May I move during the examination?**

It is important to remain as still as possible. Your technologist may ask you to hold your breath. If you have special needs, please let your technologist know.

## **Is an MRI painful?**

The procedure is painless. You will hear a knocking sound as each series of images is taken.



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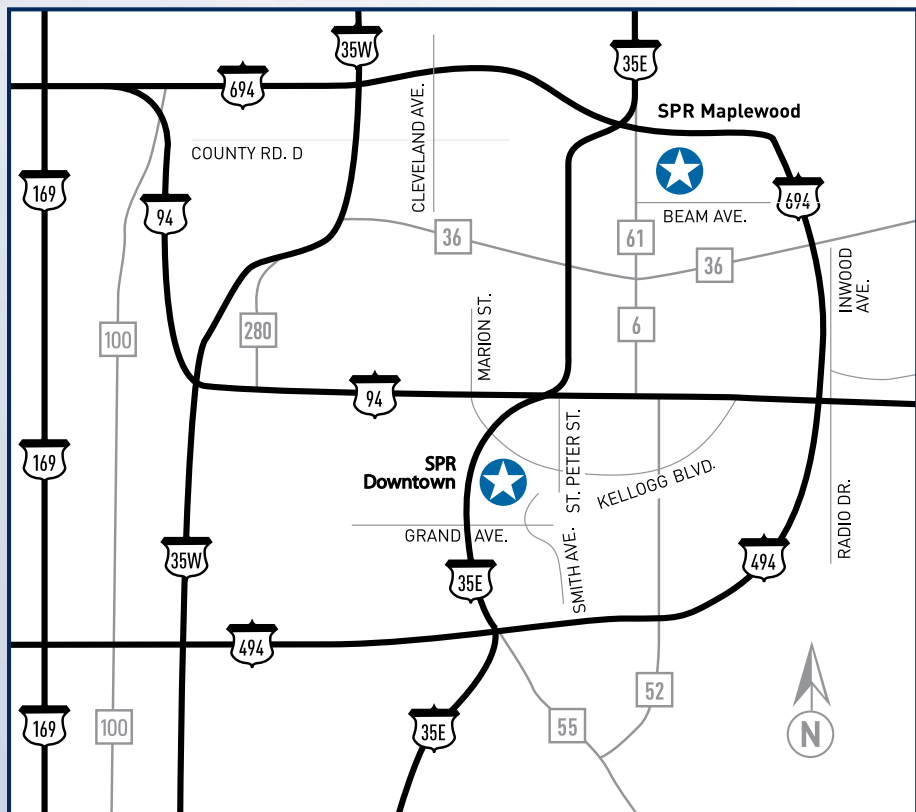
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