

# **Preparing for Your Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scan**



# Radiology Check-In

When you come for your procedure you will check in on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at this desk.



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# Radiology Waiting Area

You can play here while you wait for your name to be called.

There is no food or drink allowed in this area.



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# Who can come with me?



A tech will come get you from the waiting room. One parent or caregiver can come with you to the procedure room. Your brothers, sisters and other family have to wait in the waiting room.



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# Hospital Clothes



For your pictures, you will have to change into hospital clothes. These clothes won't get in the way of the MRI pictures.



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# What should I bring?



Do you have a favorite stuffed animal, blanket, or another comfort item (without metal or glitter)? You can bring it with you to the MRI room.



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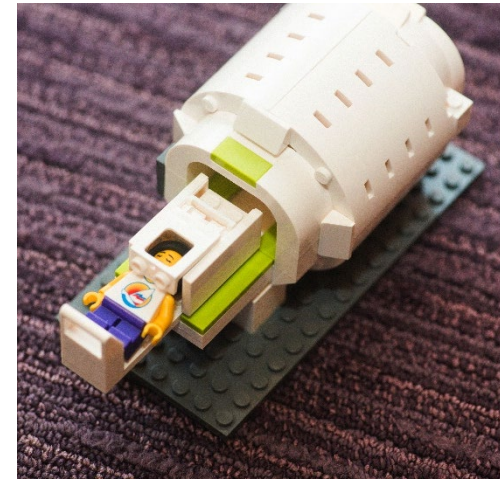
# Patient Observation Area

If you need an IV for your pictures, this is the room you will go to first.



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# Child Life Specialist



Child Life can be requested while scheduling your appointment. A Child Life Specialist can provide comfort, coping, and education about the procedure in child friendly language.

If you need an IV, some kids choose to have distraction during the procedure.



# Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Room

This is the MRI machine that will take your pictures.

Some kids say it looks like a donut.



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# Getting Ready

A tech will help you get comfortable on the exam table with a warm blanket and cushion for your legs. The table will go up and into the MRI machine.



The MRI machine makes loud noises when it takes your pictures. You and your parent or caregiver will have ear plugs and head phones to wear. You will also hear the movie and the tech through your headphones.



The tech will give you an emergency squeeze ball if you need to get their attention during the pictures.



# Coils



Some kids need a helmet or turtle shell for their pictures.  
Ask the tech or child life specialist if you will need one.



# Your Job



Your job during your pictures is to hold still like a statue!  
Your parent/caregiver can stay in the room with you. You can watch a movie or listen to music during your MRI. Ask a tech or child life specialist to see the movie list.  
During your pictures, the tech can talk to you and see how you are doing.



# All Done



After the test is done, the tech will walk you to the changing room where you can get dressed and get your items from the locker.



# Questions?



Remember this is your body, and if you have any questions you can always ask your family or the hospital workers. We are all here to help!



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