

# NORAN NEUROLOGY

## **Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)**

An MRI scan produces pictures of internal body structures. Each exam will take 15 to 45 minutes. Because an MRI uses a magnetic field, there is no risk of radiation exposure.

***Prior to your appointment, please let us know if you are or may be pregnant, or if you have:***

- A pacemaker, aneurysm clips, or other metallic implants or devices
- Had any previous surgeries
- Transdermal/medication patches
- Had metal removed from your eyes
- An intrauterine device (IUD)
- A gunshot wound
- Had a recent endoscopy/colonoscopy

## **Before your MRI Scan:**

- A nurse will contact you 24-48 hours prior to your exam to discuss your medical history and current medications
- Please bring previous imaging studies with you to your exam (MRI or CT reports and films)
- You are welcome to bring your favorite CD to listen to during your exam
- You will be asked to change into a gown, and remove any jewelry, hearing aids, eyeglasses, or removable dental work
- If you are having a non-enhanced scan (no contrast media), eat and drink as you normally would
- If you are having an enhanced scan (with contrast media), do not eat or drink for one hour before the scan

## **During your MRI Scan:**

- A two-way intercom will allow you to talk to your technologist any time during the exam
- If you are having an enhanced scan, contrast media will be injected through an IV into your arm or hand
- You will be asked to lie still to prevent the images from blurring