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PATIENT INFORMATION



WHAT IS AN MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a sophisticated technique used to look inside the body. It uses a powerful magnet and radio waves to construct detailed images that can help your doctor diagnose a wide range of medical conditions affecting soft tissue structures and organs in the body. MRI does not use radiation.

IS MRI SAFE?

MRI has been shown to be extremely safe, as long as proper safety precautions are taken. Generally, the MRI procedure causes no pain and no known side effects to tissues or organs.

The powerful magnetic field of the MRI scanner can attract certain metallic objects, causing them to move suddenly and with great force. It is vital that you remove all metallic objects prior to entering the MRI scan room.

HOW LONG WILL THE MRI TAKE?

Most MRI exams take between 20 and 50 minutes to complete, depending on the body part being examined. Multiple body parts will take longer to image.

Important note: *If you have any implanted devices, are pregnant or might be pregnant, or have any health conditions that could impact the MRI, please discuss this with your doctor.*

One Visit | One Price

We believe in making medically appropriate MRI more accessible, regardless of how many body parts need to be imaged to diagnose one medical problem.

For example, if your doctor was concerned about your headaches, multiple images of your brain, neck and shoulders may be included in your fee. If a second visit is required to obtain the imaging needed to answer one medical question, patients do not pay a second fee. Should your doctor order a knee image as well, that is considered a second problem and would require a separate appointment, and you would be charged additionally for this unrelated MRI exam.

MRI IMAGING & PRICING EXAMPLES

- Hand: **\$600**
- Spine 3 Levels: **\$600**
- Brain + Neck + Spine (w/contrast): **\$850**

WHY CHOOSE EFW FOR YOUR MRI?

- Your MRI exam will be read by the same radiologists who read thousands of MRI exams at the Foothills Medical Centre.
- When you come in for a visit, we'll do all the feasible exams needed to help you and your doctor get the answers you need.
- Other Calgary providers charge per body part, making complex MRI exams very expensive. We encourage you to compare our MRI pricing to that of our competitors.
- Please note that we do not provide MRI scans when they are not medically appropriate, and EFW does not offer comprehensive MRI body screening. When there are multiple, unrelated and separate medical questions involving different body parts, we will book these on different days.

MRI CONTRAST

For some MRI scans, a contrast agent or “dye” called Gadolinium may be injected into a vein in your arm or hand. This will help obtain a clearer picture of the area being examined.

We only use contrast agents when we believe they are required to answer your doctor's question. The related \$250 fee is for the medical supplies and expertise required to administer them.