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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 including watches, jewelry, bobby pins, pocket knives, lighters, body piercing, etc.

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

NEW FLAT-RATE PRICING

We've made a big change to our pricing structure that will save our patients a significant amount of money. Now you'll only be charged one flat rate per visit, rather than per body part. This means you'll pay \$600* no matter how many images we take during your visit.**

MRI IMAGING & PRICING EXAMPLES:

Hand: **\$600** (previously \$770)

Shoulders Bilateral: **\$600** (previously \$1,225)

Spine 3 Levels: **\$600** (previously \$1,600)

Knee (*bilateral*) + Tibia & Fibula: **\$600**
(previously \$2,250)

Brain + Neck + Spine (*w/ contrast*): **\$850**
(previously \$2,600)

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

For the first time ever, you'll have access to private MRI services for a flat rate of \$600* per visit — not per body part like other Calgary providers charge.

WHY IS EFW OFFERING THIS FLAT RATE?

We want all our patients to have access to affordable MRI exams during a time of economic challenges and provincial healthcare cuts.

EFW Delivers More for Less

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.
- You'll only be charged once per visit, regardless of how many images you require.**
- EFW is the first MRI provider in Calgary to offer flat-rate pricing. 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.
- You can get an MRI at EFW within days of contacting us.

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.

Unlike contrast agents used in x-ray studies, MRI contrast agents do not contain iodine and, therefore, rarely cause allergic reactions or other problems.

*Not including contrast fee (\$250), which may be required.

**Images for diagnostic purposes. EFW Radiology reserves the right to determine number of diagnostic exams.