What to Expect During Your Outpatient MRI Visit

Our goal is to provide you with exceptional care and service. If at any point during your visit you have questions or concerns, please let us know.

1. After your registration is complete and when it is time for your exam, a staff member will come out and call your number and you will be escorted to a changing room.
2. During registration you will be given two forms to fill out, one two-sided form for your history pertaining to why you are having your MRI today and a MRI Safety questionnaire to make sure we know you are safe to have your scan today.
3. In the changing room, a staff member will instruct you on the articles of clothing required to be removed for the exam, and you will be given a gown to change into. All MRI patients need to change into a gown for safety reasons Assigned lockers will be provided for the safe keeping of your belongings.
4. If your exam requires Intravenous Contrast Material, you will be escorted to the IV start room by a staff member to place your IV line.
5. Once the Radiologic Technologist is ready for your scan, they will come to the appropriate waiting area and call your name and escort you to the scan room. Please note that our waiting rooms serve multiple Radiology departments, therefore patients for other exams may be called before you. Our team will keep you updated about wait times.
6. After your exam, results are typically distributed to your physician within 48 hours.

Thank you for choosing Northwestern Memorial Hospital for your Imaging needs.

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