SCHEDULING & PRE-REGISTRATION

• MRI appointments are scheduled M-F from 7:30 am to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. MRI exams are by appointment only and are scheduled by your referring physician.

• Please make sure to pre-register for your MRI prior to your arrival. To pre-register or to reschedule your MRI exam, please call Radiology Scheduling at 314-996-8080, M-F from 7:00 am to 5:30 pm.

• Please confirm with your referring physician’s office that any precertification required by your insurance has been done before your arrival.

YOUR ARRIVAL

• Please arrive 30 minutes before your appointment time. Bring a photo ID (driver’s license or state ID), insurance card(s), and a completed MRI Safety Screening Form with you to your appointment. Forms can be found at www.barnesjewishwestcounty.org/radiology.

PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM

• Take your medication as you normally do, unless your referring physician has told you otherwise.

• You do not need to fast for your MRI exam, unless otherwise directed by your referring physician. However, you should only eat something light, do not have a full stomach.

• A technologist will explain the exam and answer any questions. Be prepared to discuss your completed medication record, allergies, and past medical history.

• You will be positioned on a table within a strong magnetic field. Therefore, for everyone’s safety you will need to change into a gown and pants and remove all loose metal.

• If you are claustrophobic, ask your referring physician for a prescription to help you relax before your MRI exam. The MRI Department can not administer medications. Do not take the medication until you are in the MRI Department and have spoken to the MRI Charge Technologist.

• Most MRI exams require a contrast to make parts of your body display more clearly. For the majority of MRI exams, this is administered by IV.

LENGTH OF EXAM

Exams typically take at least 45 minutes, but some may take up to 2 hours.

AFTER YOUR EXAM

• All radiology exams are read by a physician known as a Radiologist. The radiologists at Barnes-Jewish West County Hospital are all specialized experts in their field.

• The radiologist will report your MRI results to your referring physician within 24 hours. Your referring physician’s office will discuss the results with you.

• If IV or oral contrast was necessary for your MRI, drink extra fluids for the next 48 hours.

QUESTIONS

Visit our website at www.barnesjewishwestcounty.org/radiology or call the Radiology Department at 314-996-8496.