BARNES-JEWISH HOSPITAL RADIOLOGY – Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Exams

Patient’s Name _________________________________________________________________

Referring Physician’s Name ______________________________________________________

Date ____________ MRI Appointment Time _____________________________ □AM or □PM

MRI Location _________________________________________________________________

Need a little extra help finding us? We will meet you at the door and escort you to your MRI appointment. Call 314-362-5194 or email CONCIERGESERVICES@bjc.org

Welcome to Barnes-Jewish Hospital Radiology. Your physician has scheduled you for an MRI exam in Radiology. MRI is a painless diagnostic exam that produces images of the body by using a powerful magnet, radio frequencies, and an advanced computer. MRI uses no radiation.

SCHEDULING
• For your convenience, MRI appointments are available 7 days a week including evening appointments M-F. MRI exams are by appointment only and are scheduled by your referring physician.
• To reschedule your MRI exam, please call Radiology Scheduling at 314-362-7111 or toll free at 877-992-7111, M-F from 7:00am to 5:30pm.

PRIOR TO YOUR EXAM
• Please confirm with your referring physician’s office that any precertification required by your insurance has been done before your arrival.
• To save time please print, fill out, and bring to your appointment a completed MRI Safety Screening Form and a completed Medication Record. Forms can be found at www.barnesjewish.org/radiology
• 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.
• If you have an implantable device such as a pace maker please notify the MRI department at 314-362-1695 as soon as possible. Please bring your device wallet card with you to your appointment.

YOUR ARRIVAL
• Bring a photo ID (driver’s license or state ID), insurance card(s), and your two completed MRI forms to your appointment.
• Some MRI exams require contrast. It may be necessary to start an IV.

SAFETY
• You will be positioned on a table within a strong magnetic field. For safety you will need to change into a provided gown and pants and remove all loose metal. MRI scanners are noisy, ear protection will be provided.

LENGTH OF MRI VISIT
A typical MRI visit lasts 90 minutes, however some exams may take longer. For a more exact length of time for your specific exam please call the MRI department at 314-362-1695.

AFTER YOUR EXAM
• All radiology exams are read by a physician known as a Radiologist. The Washington University radiologists at Barnes-Jewish 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.

QUESTIONS
Visit our website at www.barnesjewish.org/radiology or call the MRI Department at 314-362-1695.

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