

BEXAR IMAGING CENTER
The Bexar Essentials of Radiology

MRI / MRA

Exams	Duration	Patient Prep	Ordering Considerations
Special Considerations: 1. No pacemakers 2. No aneurysm clips 3. No implanted defibrillators 4. Cardiac stents must be at least 6 weeks old 5. No recent surgical patients with skin staples 6. No patients in renal failure can have contrast injected - SEE MRI GUIDELINES FOR CONTRAST IMAGING 7. Please let us know when scheduling a diabetic patient for a NPO procedure 8. Patient must remove all jewelry -- for safety reasons, please tell them to leave it at home 9. All body piercing jewelry must be removed prior to arrival for procedure			
Abdomen- Kidneys (Renal)	1 hour	NPO, after Midnight	
Abdomen- Liver	1 hour	NPO, after Midnight	
Abdomen- Pancreas	1 hour	NPO, after Midnight	
Abdomen- Spleen	1 hour	NPO, after Midnight	
Basilar & Vertebrales MRA	30 minutes	None	
Brain & Circle of Willis- w & w/o contrast	1 hour	None	
Brain & IAC's- w & w/o contrast	1 hour	None	
Brain- IAC's or inner ear	30 minutes	None	
Brain- Orbits/Optic Nerve (Eyes)	30 minutes	None	
Brain- Pituitary (Sella/ Sella Turcica)	30 minutes	None	
Brain- Pituitary- w & w/o contrast	1 hour	None	

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Brain- w & w/o contrast	45 minutes	None	
Extremity - Elbow	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI.
Extremity - Hand	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI. Is patient in a cast?
Extremity - Humerus (Upper Arm)	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI. Is patient in a cast?
Extremity - Radius & Fibula (Lower Leg)	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI. Is patient in a cast?
Extremity - Shoulder	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI.
Extremity - Toes (Digits)	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI. Is patient in a cast?
Extremity - Wrist	30 minutes	None	Previous x-rays needed. If none, please order with MRI. Is patient in a cast?
Parotid Gland	45 minutes	None	
Pelvis w & w/o	45 minutes	None	
Soft Tissue Neck	45 minutes	None	
Spine - Cervical	30 - 45 minutes	None	Contrast not needed for diagnosis of pain
Spine - Lumbar	30 - 45 minutes	None	Contrast not needed for diagnosis of pain
Spine - Thoracic	30 - 45 minutes	None	Contrast not needed for diagnosis of pain
MRA - Head, Neck, Abdomen, Pelvis, Upper & Lower Extremities	30 - 60 minutes	None	