



Department of Veterans Affairs

Hunter Holmes McGuire Medical Center
1201 Broad Rock Boulevard
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You are scheduled to have an MRI examination with Anesthesia

The following is important information regarding your exam:

CALL ANESTHESIA WARD 2E at 804-675-5000 ext 4603 TO SCHEDULE YOUR APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS LETTER.

You need to be at Pre-Anesthesia Screening clinic within 30 days prior to your exam. If you failed to complete the screening 10 days before your MRI exam, please call ward 2E at 804-675-5000 ext 4603.

Please report to the 2E Ward of the hospital 2 hrs prior to your exam time

PLEASE BRING A DRIVER TO TAKE YOU HOME AFTER THE EXAM

If you need to reschedule your examination, please call us immediately at (804) 675-5230. Rescheduling or arriving late may result in a significant delay of necessary treatment.

- If you have a cardiac pacemaker, MRI may not be able to be performed unless it is MRI compatible, with implant identification. Please call (804) 675-5000 ext 3121 with questions.
- If you have brain aneurysm clips or coils, a neurostimulator (TENS unit), stents, or a filter, please bring any card/ information about that device with you on the day of your MRI
- If you are claustrophobic and need medication, please call your ordering physician
- If you weigh > 350 pounds, please call (804) 675-5230
- You are scheduled for anesthesia during your MRI examination. Do not eat or drink anything after midnight. You will receive separate instructions concerning the anesthesia. Take your routine pills (except those listed below) with small sips of water.
- If you are diabetic, do not take insulin or diabetic pills on the day of your exam
Please check your sugar before coming to the hospital
- Do not take Lisinopril (Prinivil, Tensopril, Zestril, Hipril) for hypertension on the day of the MRI exam
- If your Doctor has requested x-rays/ blood tests, please obtain those prior to the MRI. Blood tests should be obtained several hours prior.
- All hair accessories containing metal such as bobby pins, barrettes, or hair clips, must be removed prior to your exam
- For more information regarding MRI imaging, please refer to www.radiologyinfo.org . If you have other technical questions please call us at (804) 675-5000 x 3121.

We appreciate having this opportunity to serve you!