

1.2 Hitachi High Field Open-Sided MRI

Mankato Regional Imaging @ OFC

offering the comfort and convenience of both High Field Open-Sided and Large Bore (opening) MRI scanners. Our staff will assist you and your physician in helping to decide which is best for you.

3T Siemens Large Bore MRI scanner is the most advanced technology available for clinical use. With the large opening we are able to maximize patient comfort and ease claustrophobia. This scanner specializes in imaging MSK (Extremities & Joints), Neurology (Brain & Spine), Breast, Pelvis, Prostate, and Abdomen.

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scanner provides excellent image quality while providing the most spacious surroundings. The opensided scanner is a favorable choice for the claustrophobic and larger patients. This scanner specializes in MSK (Shoulders, Elbows, Wrists, Hands, Hips & Knees), Neurology (Brain & Spine) along with other exams.

Patient Safety

MRI Safety is our top priority. The MRI machine is *ALWAYS* on therefore you will be asked to remove all metal objects and complete an MRI safety form.

<u>Please note</u>: you may not qualify for an MRI if any of the following conditions exist:

- Cardiac Pacemaker
- Brain Aneurysm Clips
- Cochlear, Inner or Middle Ear Implants
- Injury to the eye involving a metallic object or foreign body.
 - Skull x-rays must be taken (<u>even if</u>
 <u>it has been removed</u>) to rule out
 the presence of metal in the area
 of the eye.

Preparation

No special preparation is needed prior to the exam unless your doctor has given you other instructions. You can eat normally and continue to take prescribed medications as required. Depending on what information your doctor needs, the MRI scan may require the use of a contrast agent given intravenously to assist in visualizing certain structures in the body. If possible wear loose, comfortable clothing, free of

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You will need to remove all metal objects that you may be carrying such as:

- Watches, Jewelry
- Wallets, Purses, Credit cards
- Cell Phone, Eyeglasses
- Hairpins
- Dentures
- Hearing Aides

A locked dressing room will be provided for your personal belongings.

Important Reminders before your scan

- Do not bring <u>any</u> metal objects into the MRI scan room.
- Please use the restroom prior to your scan. (You will not be able to once your scan has started)

Examination

You will be instructed to lie comfortably on the scanning table and a special coil will be positioned close to the area of your body being examined. You can then relax while the scanner and the technologist do the work. You will be able to communicate with the technologist during the exam with the use of a call button & headset/speakers.

While the machine is taking your pictures you will hear loud knocking noises. During this time, it is important that you refrain from any movement or coughing. Headphones or earplugs will be provided to protect your ears during the exam. If you choose headphones, you can select from any of the Sirius XM Satellite Radio stations.

An average scan will take 45 - 60 minutes.

Getting Results

Your images will be interpreted by sub-specialty, board-certified radiologists. We will promptly provide your physician an accurate interpretation of your scan. The findings will be sent to your healthcare provider, who will discuss the results in his/her office or contact you by phone.

What is MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) combines a powerful magnet with an advanced computer system and radio waves to produce accurate, detailed pictures of organs and tissues to diagnose a variety of medical conditions. This is accomplished without the use of radiation or radioactive substances of any kind.

Exceptional Care starts with Exceptional People

Our technologists have a combined experience of 66 years in MRI imaging. They, along with a professional, compassionate staff promise to make your visit as relaxed and comfortable as possible.



MRI Accreditation

MRI @ OFC is an accredited facility by RadSite, demonstrating the highest standards of advanced diagnostic imaging.



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3T Large Bore (Opening) Scanner

Patient	
Date	
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Time a.m. / p.m. Check-in Time	
Patients arriving late may have to be rescheduled.	
If you have any questions regarding your MRI or to reschedule this appointment	
Please call us at	
507.386.6750	
307.300.0730	
Follow up appointment with OFC	
Physician	
Date / Time	
☐ to Call Results (Physician)	