

Information Form for Magnetic Resonance Imaging during Pregnancy

Your doctor has requested that you have a Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) test. An MRI is a test that uses magnets, radio waves and a computer to take pictures of the inside of your body. This test is often able to answer questions about irregularities of both the patient and baby better than other tests. During the MRI, you will not be exposed to any ionizing radiation.

An MRI scan is not thought to be harmful to pregnant patient and their unborn baby. There are no known adverse effects to the unborn baby when a pregnant patient has a MRI scan in any trimester. During the scan, special imaging parameters are used. In addition, there are no known adverse effects to the developing hearing of the unborn baby by the noise produced by the MRI.

The MRI scan will **not** use gadolinium based contrast agents (also known as 'contrast dye'), because there may be risks to the unborn baby from the 'contrast dye'.