


EXAM: MRA CAROTIDS (NECK) Imaging Department 330-596-7700 Scheduling 330-596-7187	
INDICATIONS:	MRA is a very detailed exam that can show vascular structures and help to rule out or identify abnormalities.
CONTRA-INDICATIONS:	Table Limit: 440lbs. Pacemakers, Brain Aneurysm Clips, Some Neurostimulators, Cardiac Defibrillators, Cochlear Implant and some other implants. There are many implants that are MRI safe. You will be contacted by the MRI Technologist to review your medical history and safety for the exam prior to your appointment time.
HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE AND WHERE DO I GO?	On average this exam will take approximately 15 minutes once on the table. You will be contacted by the Patient Access representative to preregister prior to your arrival. Enter at the main doors go past the waterfall, on the first floor, down the hall to the last waiting room on the right, Imaging Comfort Area.
PREPARATION:	All piercings and jewelry will need to be removed. If you are unable to remove something it will need to be reviewed directly with the MRI technologist before your appointment . No wet hair, No hair gel, or hair spray. No metallic/frosted makeup products. You will be changed into a hospital gown for your exam. Most often an IV will be started for this exam. If you have concerns about claustrophobia, please discuss with your doctor prior to your arrival.
PRECAUTIONS:	If you are having a contrasted exam you may need to have blood work 24-48hrs prior to your exam. The technologist will let you know if this is needed during your prescreening process. If you have EVER had exposure to metal in your eyes, you will be asked to arrive 1 hour earlier to have orbit x-rays taken for clearance.
MEDICATION ISSUES:	You may take medications as usual. You will be asked to bring a list with you if you are having a contrasted exam.
WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT:	During the exam the patient will have a piece of equipment placed on or around the specific area to be imaged. That body part is placed into the center of the magnetic field. The patient will then hear a variety of knocking noises. You will be provided with ear plugs or a music headset to minimize the effects of the related noise. It is very important that the patient be able to hold still for the imaging sequences and not swallow for approx. 1 minute sequences. Should you have any questions, you may contact a MRI technologist at (330)596-7727.