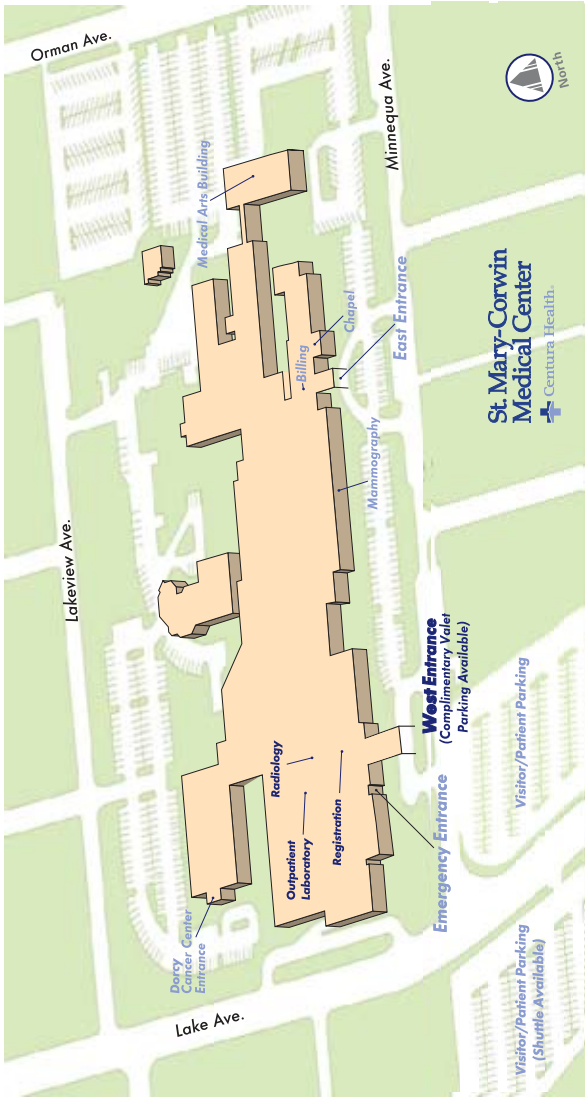


# Important Information About Your MRI



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Welcome to St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center for your MRI. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) uses a magnetic field, radio waves and a computer to create detailed images of your organs, soft tissues, bone and virtually all other internal body structures. MRI is noninvasive and painless. MRI does not use X-rays

#### **Estimated time**

Your procedure may take 30 to 60 minutes. However, plan to be at the hospital up to two hours. Emergency room patients may delay your start time.

#### **What to wear**

Wear comfortable clothing (like sweats) without metal or zippers as they can interfere with magnet. Private dressing rooms with gowns and scrubs are also available. You cannot take personal items into the scan room, but lockers are available for your valuables.

#### **Coming to the hospital**

Please arrive to the hospital 30 minutes early for registration. Enter the hospital through the west main entrance (see map on back panel). Check-in at the registration desk and you will be sent to the radiology department. Bring your insurance card and a photo ID. Insurance co-payments are expected at time of service.

#### **Parking**

Parking at the hospital is limited. For your convenience, St. Mary-Corwin is pleased to provide free valet parking services at the west main entrance.

#### **Pre-registration**

You can save time by pre-registering online or by phone up to one day prior to your exam. To pre-register online, simply log onto [stmarycorwin.org](http://stmarycorwin.org) and select the pre-register icon. To pre-register by phone, call (719) 557-4444, press option #2.

#### **Preparation**

No special preparation is needed prior to an MRI.

#### **What to expect**

Once you are changed into a hospital gown and you have removed any metal objects, a technologist will assist you onto the padded table in the MRI room. The table will move slowly into the magnet opening. The MRI is open at both ends, is well-lit and sufficiently ventilated to provide you with the most comfortable experience possible. You will hear sounds similar to a drumbeat as images are formed. Earplugs are provided to minimize the noise. Your technologist can see and hear you at all times.

#### **Other considerations**

##### **Weight limit for MRI is 350 lbs.**

##### **Please let your technologist know if you:**

- Have any surgically implanted metal items such as a cardiac pacemaker, artificial heart valve, implanted drug infusion port, intrauterine device (IUD), or any pins, metallic implants, aneurysm clips or Cochlear Implants.
- Have worked with metal, grinding, or have ever had metal in your eyes.
- Are pregnant or if there is any possibility of pregnancy.
- Have any prosthetic devices.

#### **Claustrophobia**

If you are claustrophobic, talk with your physician.

#### **Contrast material**

If contrast is required, your technologist will administer intravenously (IV) at the time of your scan.

#### **Laboratory**

Your doctor may request blood work prior to your MRI. Blood work is required within 30 days of the exam for IV contrasted studies if you are over 55 years old, diabetic, have hypertension or kidney disease. If you need blood drawn, the lab is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. No appointment is necessary. (See map on back panel).

#### **Superior Service**

St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center is home to southern Colorado's most innovative imaging technologies. Such advancements redefine the way doctors diagnose and treat many illnesses.

St. Mary-Corwin's radiology department features board-certified physicians, trained at institutions of excellence – compassionate specialists at the cutting-edge of diagnostic imaging. Our radiology technologists bring you the highest level of experience and expertise, and insure only the best imaging results are achieved.

St. Mary-Corwin also features the only team of radiology nurses in southern Colorado trained specifically for the imaging department. Radiology nurses demonstrate clinical skills and imaging technology knowledge to anticipate and plan for your needs. Our quality of care offers you the best patient experience.