

MRI Scan

Your doctor has referred you to Tukwila Diagnostic Imaging, where you are our number one priority. The following information will help you understand and prepare for your MRI scan.

What is it?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a painless diagnostic test that uses a strong magnetic field to produce detailed images of the structures inside the body without surgery or ionizing radiation (x-rays). MRI technology can “see” inside of the bones, as well as provide a clear picture of soft tissues and organs.

Is it Safe?

An MRI is one of the safest imaging techniques available. The magnetic fields produce no known tissue damage of any kind. However, the following may prevent you from undergoing a MRI exam:

- Brain aneurysm clips
- A pacemaker or pacing wires
- Metal fragments in one or both eyes
- Inner ear implants
- An implanted spinal cord stimulator or brain stimulator
- History of injury during military service
- Metallic plate, pin, or other implant

Before Your MRI Scan

- Please bring previous imaging study results (MRI, CT, x-rays) such as reports, films or CDs, if available.
- There are usually no diet instructions prior to your MRI exam.
- Continue medications prescribed by your doctor unless informed otherwise.
- Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing.
- Women should inform their technologist if there is any possibility of pregnancy.
- If you are claustrophobic you may want to ask your physician for a prescription for a mild sedative prior to your scheduled MRI. Please arrange for someone to drive you home after your exam.

What to Expect

- The MRI machine looks like a large, hollow tube with a padded table attached to it.
- Depending on the exam, a solution called contrast may be administered, usually with an IV.
- You will be given earphones to wear so you can listen to music during the procedure.
- When you are comfortable, the table will move into the tube-shaped scanner.
- Your exam will take 30-60 minutes.

After Your MRI Scan

- Your MRI scan will be read by our team of radiologists.
- A final report will be sent to your doctor, who can then discuss the results with you in detail.



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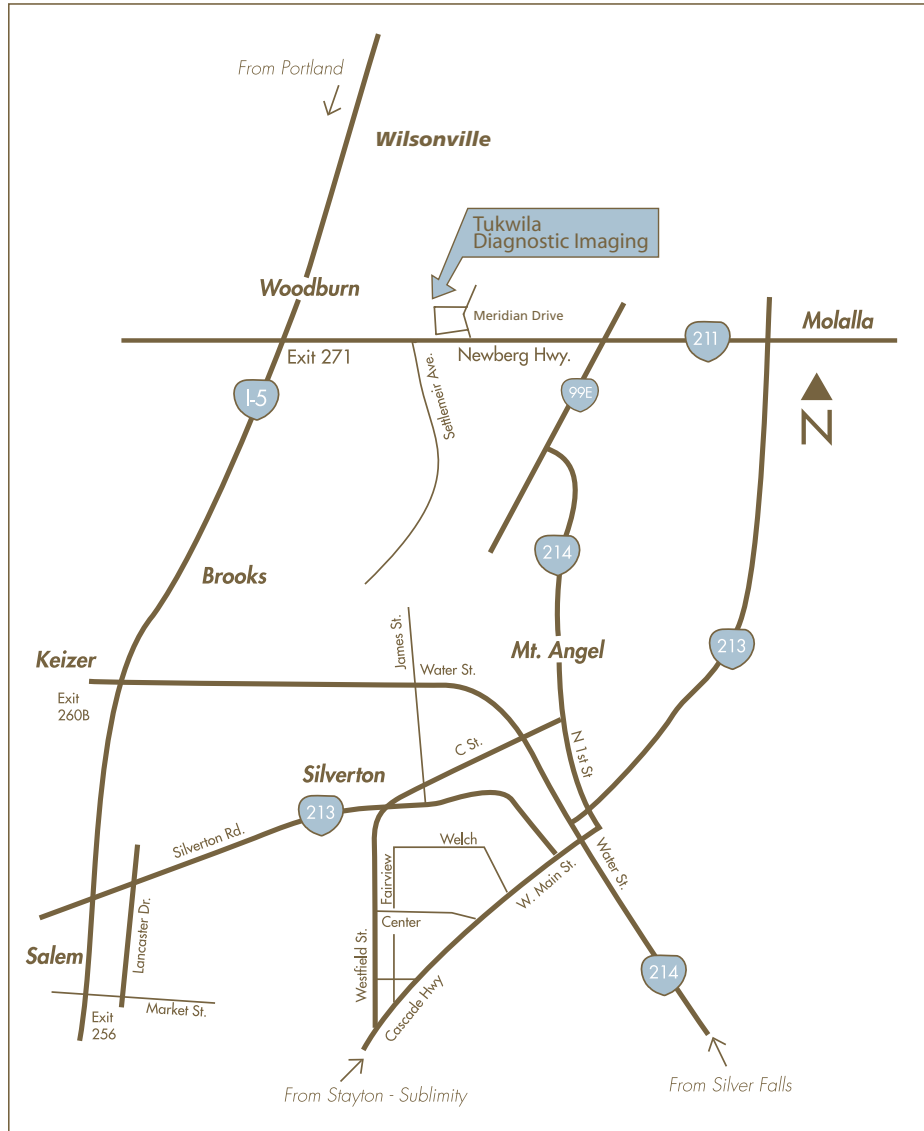
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