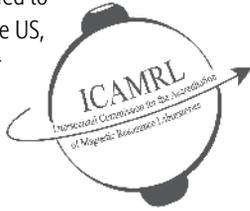


## Accredited Magnetic Resonance Facility

The MRI team at New Mexico Orthopaedics is proud to have earned ICAMRL Accreditation marking the interpretive and technical abilities of its technologists and the diagnostic quality of its imaging. This type of accreditation has been awarded to fewer than 500 facilities in the US, Canada and Puerto Rico. Our facility uses state of the art equipment and ARRT Certified Technologists.



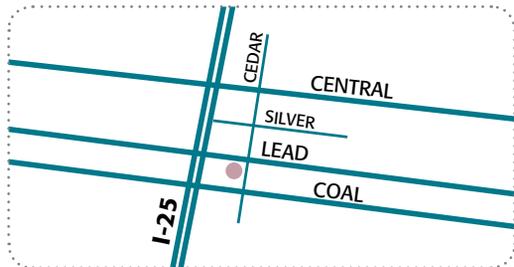
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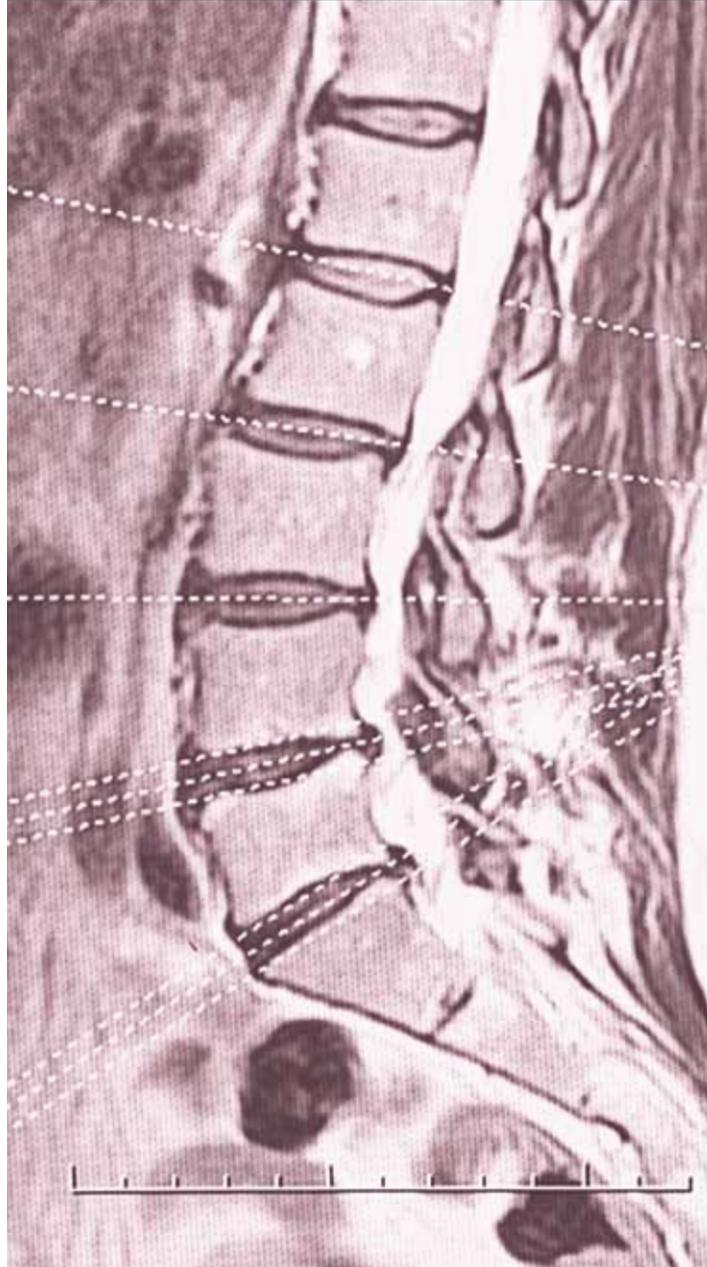
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## MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING





### What is MRI?

MRI stands for Magnetic Resonance Imaging, is a non-invasive radiology imaging technique used to obtain detailed images of the internal structures of the human body. MRI imaging is most effective for constructing images of soft tissue structures in the body. Contrast dyes used for MRI enhances images to assist in diagnostic efforts.

### What Should You Expect?

The MRI itself is painless. The Contrast Dyes used have no known side effects for healthy individuals, but New Mexico Orthopaedics will scan you for any risk factors. If you know you can't stay laying down for more than 30 minutes, or if you suffer from claustrophobia, you may want to speak to your physician to discuss the possible benefits of pain or sedation medicine.

While the MRI is taking place, you may hear a knocking sound and soon realize the room is kept cool. Feel free to bring a blanket and, if you would like, your favorite music or radio station call numbers!

### Know in Advance

- You will be asked to remove all jewelry and other metal items before the MRI begins.
- Locking lockers are available to store your valuables during your MRI.
- Please plan to arrive at least five minutes in advance of your appointment time.
- Continue to eat normally prior to your exam and to take any medications you are prescribed.
- Before conducting your scan, you will be asked to complete a pre-screening questionnaire which will include questions about:
  - If you have worked in a job that exposes your eyes to metal shavings.
  - If you could be pregnant (your technologist should always be alerted of this).
  - If you have any surgical implants, you will be asked for documentation of their make and model.
  - If you have any history of diabetes, kidney or liver disease.
  - Patients will also be asked about any prior surgeries they may have had, including what they were and when they occurred.

**If you have any other questions, please contact us at (505) 724-4366.** Our staff is happy to help you address any concerns you may have and wants to make your visit as pleasant as possible.