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## Patient Information for MRI scheduling and follow up

### 1. What is an MRI?

- MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) is a diagnostic imaging technique that takes high resolution pictures of your bones and soft tissue.
- The study will generally take 30-90 minutes to complete.
- MRI uses a magnetic field instead of the radiation used in a regular x-ray. Because of this, please let your doctor know if you have any of the following in your body:
  - Implants
  - Metal clips
  - Metal objects
- The MRI machine can be very confining, so inform your provider of any issues with claustrophobia (fear of confined spaces).

### 2. How do I get my MRI?

- We have requested authorization from your insurance provider, and we will inform you if the request is approved or denied. We can also let you know what the estimated out-of-pocket cost will be (how much you will have to pay).
- Once the request is approved, the order will be sent to the imaging department you have requested.
  - You should receive a call to schedule an appointment in the next few days.

### 3. What happens after I have my MRI?

- Once you have had your MRI, please call the clinic to schedule a follow up appointment with your doctor to review the results.
  - Mammoth location: (760)-924-4084
  - Bishop location: (760)-872-7766
- If your MRI was done somewhere *other* than **Mammoth Hospital** or **Northern Inyo Hospital**, please request a CD of the study and bring it with you to your appointment to give to the receptionist at check-in.

Please call the clinic if there is a delay in any part of this process of more than a week, or if you have any other questions. We will be happy to assist you!