# Radiology (Imaging) Services

## **Imaging Services**

Part of our ongoing efforts to deliver excellent patient care is offering comprehensive imaging services for patients.

# Personalized Care Providing:

- High quality, comfortable and personalized services
- Prompt scheduling of appointments
- Collaboration with your physician
- Rapid results and communication with your physician

# Services Available Include:

- Computerized Tomography (CT Scan)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- X-Ray

### To schedule an appointment

call 715.831.8130 between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM Monday - Friday.

### **Appointment Information**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

### Special Instructions

# Imaging Services

Located within OakLeaf Surgical Hospital and next door.

### Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

1000 OakLeaf Way Altoona WI 54720 715.831.8130 oakleafsurgical.com



**OakLeaf Surgical Hospital** is conveniently located off of the Hwy 53 Bypass at River Prairie Drive (exit 89) in Altoona.



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### MRI

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a diagnostic procedure using magnetic energy to provide your physician with detailed images without the use of x-rays.

An MRI is a painless, safe procedure. Because of the use of magnetic energy you will need to inform the MRI technologist of any metallic devices that may be present inside your body, such as pacemakers, metal clips, shrapnel, stimulating devices or surgical implants.

You will be asked to remove any loose or foreign metal objects such as jewelry, watches, dentures or glasses prior to your examination.

### Preparing for your MRI

You should plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.

Minimal preparation is required. Some individuals may have a sense of uneasiness about the test or an inability to remain still during the entire examination.



#### During the exam

After changing into a gown you will be asked to lie on an examination table that moves inside of a large circular housing. The MRI Technologist will position you according to the area being scanned. During the examination you will be able to communicate with the technologist through an intercom. You will be asked to remain completely still during your examination.

You won't feel anything during the examination. You will hear a range of sounds that at times can be loud. The technologist will provide you with specialized headphones that quiet the noise and provide you with light music.

#### How long does the exam take?

In general most examinations take between 20 and 45 minutes.

### СТ

Computed tomography (CT) of the body uses special x-ray equipment to help detect a variety of diseases and conditions. CT scanning is fast, painless, noninvasive and accurate. Some exams require the use of oral or intravenous contrast material. Contrast material will help aid in visualizing your internal organs.

#### Preparing for your CT scan

- Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment.
- Wear comfortable, loose-fitting clothing to your exam. You may be given a gown to wear during the procedure.
- Metal objects, including jewelry, eyeglasses, dentures and hairpins, may affect the CT images and should be left at home or removed prior to your exam.

- If you are receiving contrast material you may be asked not to eat several hours prior to your test.
- You will be screened prior to the scan for allergies, diabetes and other medical conditions that may affect your test.
- In some instances labs may be required to verify you are safe to receive an injection of contrast material.
- Women should notify the Technologist if there is any possibility of being pregnant.

#### During the exam

After changing into a gown you will be asked to lie on an examination table that moves inside of a large circular housing. The CT Technologist will position you according to the area being scanned. During the examination you will be able to communicate with the technologist through an intercom. You will be asked to remain completely still during your examination. You may also be asked to hold your breath for some exams.

If you are receiving an injection of contrast material you will feel a pin prick when the IV is placed. During the injection you will feel a warm flushing sensation as well as a metallic taste which generally lasts for several minutes.

# Who interprets the results and how do I get them?

A radiologist with expertise in supervising and interpreting radiology examinations will analyze the images and send an official report to your primary care physician or physician who referred you for the exam, who will discuss the results with you.