

MRA- Magnetic Resonance Angiogram or Angiography

What is an MRA?

An MRA is a test that lets the doctor see inside your blood vessels (arteries and veins) in different areas of your body such as brain, neck, heart, chest, abdomen, pelvis, arms or legs.

Why is an MRA performed?

This test is ordered to look for the following:

- Weakened blood vessels
- Blood vessels that are narrowed due to plaque buildup
- Look for any structural abnormalities
- See progression of treatment after surgeries
- Check for any injured blood vessels after injury
- Diagnose blood clots.

How do I prepare for a MRA?

The MRA is performed exactly like an MRI and preparation is very similar.

Is an MRA safe for me?

MRA is safe for people with most types of metal implants, except:

- Cardiac defibrillators
- Pacemakers
- Cochlear or ear implants
- Some clips for brain aneurysm repair
- Some coils for blood vessel repair

What to expect during an MRA?

The MRA is performed exactly like an MRI.

How will my results be communicated with me?

After the radiologist has reviewed and interpreted your images, a report will be sent to the ordering physician. Your physician will explain the meaning of your test results with you and next steps for your treatment and care plan.

How can I get a copy of my results?

Imaging results can be downloaded onto a CD for you to keep or share with other physicians. At times, electronic medical records allow other physicians to view the images if they have the same electronic system. Please allow 24 hours for film requests. Contact

the imaging department for all film requests 540-785-7200. Films can be picked up at requested location. Charges may apply when requesting personal records.

Additional considerations:

It is not recommended to bring children under the age of 14 to your appointment unless accompanied by another responsible adult.

If appointments must be cancelled, please give us 24 hours' notice. If this is not possible, notify the office ASAP that you are not able to keep the appointment.

Please arrive 10-15 mins prior to appointment to allow time for the check-in process and appropriate questionnaires to be completed.