Medstar Washington Hospital Center Medical Imaging School

MRI Safety Disclaimer

The MRI system has a very strong magnetic field that may be hazardous to individuals entering the MRI environment if they have certain metallic, electronic, magnetic, or mechanical implants, devices, and or objects, to observe MRI procedures on patients, students must initially undergo the same screening procedure as patients in order to enter the MRI environment.

MRI Policy

Students may rotate thru MRI as an elective observation rotation in their senior year. Students need to be aware of the MRI zones when in the MRI Area. Information on MRI safety and MRI zones will be discussed in MRI Safety Orientation and Screening form will be completed for students by the senior technologist in MRI. Before entering the MR environment or MR system room, students may be advised to remove the following metallic objects including hearing aids, dentures, partial plates, keys, beeper, cell phone, eyeglasses, hair pins, barrettes, jewelry, body piercing jewelry, watch, safety pins, paperclips, money clip, credit cards, bank cards, magnetic strip cards, coins, pens, pocket knife, nail clipper, tools, clothing with metal fasteners, & clothing with metallic threads.

Students will undergo MRI safety orientation during school orientation and will be screened during orientation and again before going to MRI as a rotation.

If a student’s Screening status has changed during the program; they must notify program staff immediately before going to the MRI Suite at any time.