

## THE AIM DIFFERENCE

### A PATIENT CENTERED ORGANIZATION

- No waitlist
- Same day appointments
- More comfortable
- Accommodating claustrophobic and larger patients

### AIM EQUIPMENT ADVANTAGES

- Siemens Espree T-Class Open Bore MRI
- Only one of it's kind in Western Canada

*Advanced Cancer Detection Sequences Available at AIM*

### AIM COMPANY ADVANTAGE

- A patient centered organization
- Opportunity to discuss your results with on site Radiologist for immediate answers
- Patients leave with report in hand and with key images that allow the referring physician to see abnormality promptly, to efficiently manage further treatment(s)
- Physician owned and operated

*Walk in with Questions,  
Walk out with Answers!*

As a physician led operation, our philosophy is simple:

*"Treat patients the way you want to be treated when you are a patient."*



*\*complimentary underground parking available*

**AIM offers Whole Body Cancer Screening with Advanced Cancer Detection Techniques.**

**100% Patient Satisfaction**

*"Excellent facility with a calm & professional attitude to patients. Full Body MRI offers great peace of mind."*

*"Thank you for going the step further to locate the area causing the problem."*

*Experience the Future of Diagnostic Imaging*



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# AIM MEDICAL IMAGING

## WHAT IS AN MRI SCAN?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) is a method of looking inside the body. Instead of x-rays, the MRI scanner uses magnetism and radio waves to produce remarkably clear pictures of your head, spine, or other parts of your body. An MRI scanner consists of a strong magnet with a radio transmitter and receiver. These instruments gather the information from your body. MRI is used to distinguish normal, healthy soft tissue from abnormal tissue.

Depending on what information your doctor needs, the MRI scan may require the use of a contrast agent given intravenously to assist in visualization of certain structures in your body.

## WHAT MAKES AIM DIFFERENT?

- On-site Radiologist to discuss your results
- Final report ready immediately after Radiologist consultation
- Wide Open Bore MRI

***Walk in with Referral,  
Walk out with Report!***

## PREPARING FOR AN MRI

No special preparation is needed prior to the exam, unless your doctor has given you other instructions. You will be asked to complete a safety screening form and answer questions pertaining to your medical history. At our clinic, you will be shown to a private room to change and remove the following:

- jewelry
- hairpins
- wallets
- watches
- glasses
- other metallic objects



## WHAT HAPPENS DURING YOUR MRI SCAN?

After all metal objects are removed, our technologist will position you on a special table. The table will then slide into the scanner.

MAGNETOM Espree's Open Bore design allows that your head stays outside the magnet bore during most examinations. You will be able to communicate with our technologist during the scan, and listen to your favorite music.

***Bringing your IPOD is highly recommended!***

For clear pictures, you will be asked to hold very still and relax. The entire exam ordinarily takes between 20 - 30 minutes to complete.



## FINDING OUT YOUR RESULTS

Our on-site radiologist will study your examination and consult with you immediately after your scan. We will provide a diagnosis and answer any questions you may have. We will furnish you with a copy of your final report, printed key images and scanned images on a cd before you leave your appointment. We will send copies to your family doctor and/or specialist prior to your departure.

## IMPORTANT: PRECAUTIONS

MRI is a non-invasive and safe test. As MRI works with a strong magnet and radio waves, you need to tell us, if anything of the following applies to you or the person that accompanies you into the exam room:

- Aneurysm clip(s)
- Cardiac pacemaker
- Implanted cardioverter defibrillator (ICD)
- Electronic implant or device
- Magnetically-activated implant or device
- Neurostimulation system
- Spinal cord stimulator
- Cochlear implant or implanted hearing aid
- Insulin or infusion pump
- Implanted drug infusion device
- Any type of prosthesis or implant
- Artificial or prosthetic limb
- Any metallic fragment or foreign body
- Any external or internal metallic object
- Hearing aid

Any metallic substance on your person can affect the quality of the images. It can also cause discomfort or even injury to you when placed into the magnetic field.



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