

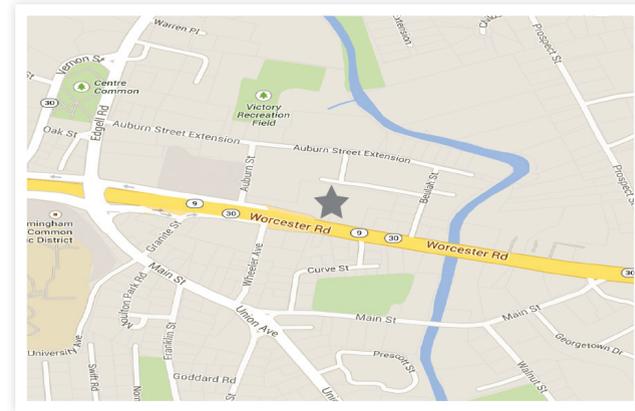
## Planning Your Visit

- » Please arrive 15 minutes before your scheduled exam.
- » Bring your insurance information.
- » If your ordered exam is the result of a Workers' Compensation or Motor Vehicle Accident, let us know before you schedule your appointment.
- » Let us know if you have had any previous medical imaging and we will get your images before your appointment.
- » Eat, drink and take medications as normal, unless you have been specifically told otherwise when your appointment was confirmed by one of our team members.
- » No metallic objects can be worn or carried into the exam area (for example: watch, jewelry, keys and coins). Small lockers are available in our exam areas for safekeeping of belongings.

**Call us today to schedule your MRI exam. We look forward to caring for you.**



**We are located on the first floor on your immediate right after entering the building.**



The map provided are graphical representations intended for general informational purposes only, and may not reflect the most current information or conditions.

## Directions to Metrowest MRI

### From Route 9 West Bound

Follow Route 9 West past the Route 126 exit. Proceed through the next set of lights past the shopping center (Staples/Trader Joe's/Walgreens). About ¼ mile on the right, look for the sign for 761 Worcester Road. We're located in the Wellness Center (the red brick building).

### From Route 9 East Bound

Proceed past Edgell Road/Main Street exit. At the second traffic light after the exit make a U-turn onto Route 9 West past the shopping center (Staples/Trader Joe's/Walgreens). About ¼ mile on the right, look for the sign for 761 Worcester Road. We're located in the Wellness Center (the red brick building).

### From the Mass Pike (I-90 West)

Take exit 13/Natick. Go right at the end of the exit ramp onto Route 30 West and continue about a mile to the intersection of Routes 9 and 30. Proceed on Route 9 West and follow directions as above from Route 9 West.

### From the Mass Pike (I-90 East)

Take exit 12/Framingham and follow Route 9 East directions.

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## Your Appointment

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: Please arrive at least fifteen minutes prior to your appointment to complete prescreening paperwork.**

**For your convenience we're open 7 days a week and offer early morning and evening hours.**

## Payment information:

Before your appointment, we'll need your medical insurance information. We will work with your doctor and insurance company to pre-approve you for your exam. If you have a co-payment, co-insurance or if you are paying out-of-pocket for your MRI exam, we provide many payment options including all major credit cards, check, cash or Care Credit. We can also work with you to set up a payment plan for your portion of the bill. Our goal is to make sure you get the care you need so we offer many flexible payment options. Our billing office will be happy to assist you. For bill inquiries, email [billingquestions@allianceradiology-us.com](mailto:billingquestions@allianceradiology-us.com) or call 888.674.4369.

## Cancellations:

If you need to cancel your appointment we kindly ask you to call us one day in advance if possible.



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# Quality MRI Services Close to Home

**Open-bore, 3T MRI**

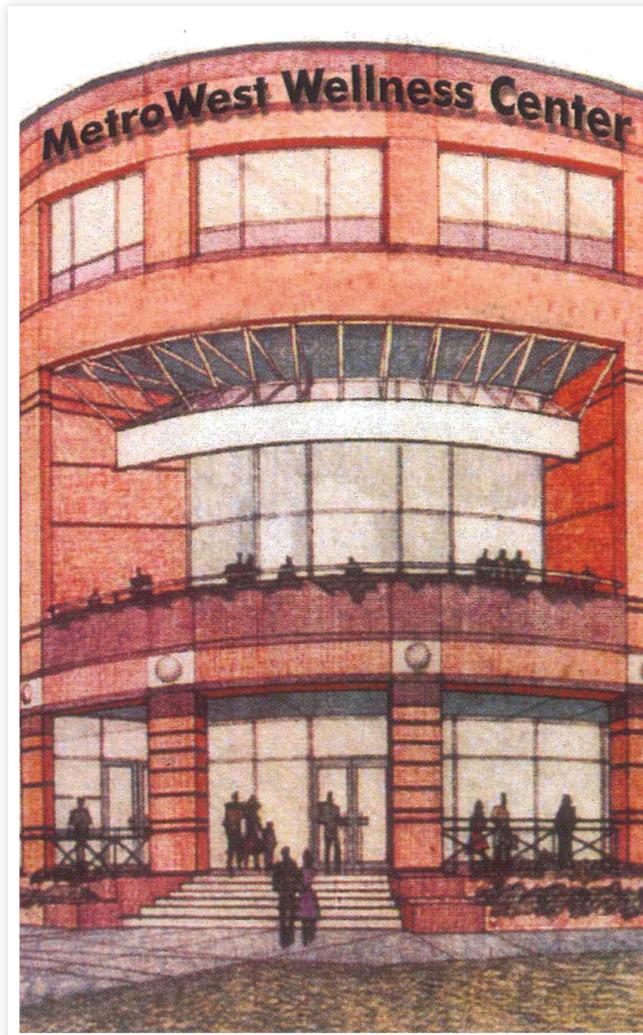


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MetroWest MRI provides exceptional MRI services close to home. Our experienced, friendly care team will guide you through your MRI exam and be there to answer any questions you may have about your exam. Access to our facility is simple and there is plenty of free parking out front.

## What is Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)?

Doctors use Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) to find diseases or abnormalities in the body without using X-rays. MRI uses a safe magnetic field and radio waves to create detailed images of the body. MRI is used to study joints in all parts of the body. Abnormalities of the spine, nerves and vertebral discs, or sports-related injuries such as torn ligaments and fractures, can be identified on MRI scans.



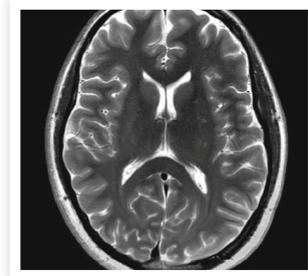
### MRI Patient Checklist

Prior to your exam, review the following checklist.

- » Bring any previous X-rays taken at another center to the exam.
- » Continue to take any medication you normally take.
- » You CANNOT have an MRI scan if you have:
  - Certain cerebral aneurysm clips
  - Certain heart valves
  - Cochlear implants
  - Metal filings in the eye
  - Certain pacemakers or defibrillators
- » You will be asked questions prior to your exam, and preliminary X-rays may be taken.
- » If you may be claustrophobic, ask your doctor to prescribe medication prior to the exam. If you do receive medication, bring someone with you to drive you home.

MRIs can also be used for imaging the heart, abdomen, pelvis and breast and are help doctors to diagnose disease. Veins and arteries also can be seen using magnetic resonance angiographic (MRA).

For patients who are anxious or claustrophobic, our wide-bore MRI scanner allows for a more comfortable and open MRI experience. The wide-bore scanner is also great for larger patients allowing more room to relax.



We also perform Breast MRI and MRI-Guided Breast Biopsy. Breast MRI is a scan used for detecting and staging breast cancer and other breast abnormalities.

### What to Expect During the MRI Exam

During the MRI scan, you lie on a cushioned table that moves into the scanner. For certain studies, an injected contrast agent may be used. MRI contrast agents rarely cause allergic reactions.

Tell your doctor if you are allergic to any medicine (prescription or nonprescription), are pregnant, breastfeeding, or have any other medical conditions.

The technologist stays in contact with you throughout the exam. When the scan begins, you will hear a muffled sound for several minutes. Lie as still as possible, as any movement during this time can distort the image. The MRI scan generally takes 20 – 60 minutes, depending upon what your doctor has ordered.



### After Your Exam

After your exam is complete, the radiologist will review the scans and forward results to your doctor within 24 hours. Your doctor will review the results and then call you to share the results with you.

### MRI Arthrography

MRI arthrography (MRA) is used to look at disease in and around the joints (for example the shoulder, wrist or hip).

A contrast solution is injected into the joint under fluoroscopic (X-ray) guidance. The injection of contrast takes between 5-10 minutes.

After the contrast is injected, you will have an MRI. The contrast allows the radiologist to see the joints better during your MRI. You will need to lie still during this exam.

After your exam, the radiologist will share the results of the exam with your doctor (see "After your Exam").

