



The MRI scanner uses a very powerful magnet and it is very noisy when operating. A magnet can violently attract objects made of different kinds of metal and alloy (projectile Effect). The bigger the metal object and the stronger will be the attraction and the consequent Damage to the scanner and/or to the patient and personnel (**use particular precautions with wheelchairs, oxygen tanks, stretchers, unless certified as “MRI safe”**).

A magnet can also affect, damage or impair some electronic devices (medical and non-medical). Can erase magnetic strips (credit cards, badges, etc.) and damage mechanical watches. A magnet can alter and impair the normal functioning of a cardiac pace-maker with consequent serious short and/or long term safety risk for the patient or anybody carrying one. **Due to loud noise, the patient's ears need to be protected while scanning.**

Before entering the MRI room you must remove any metal object from your pockets and from your body (Metal and/or mechanical watches, necklaces key chains, keys, coins, etc.) and your wallet if containing cards with a magnetic strip.

Nobody (except authorized MRI safety trained medical personnel) should enter the MRI room without having first being screened visually, verbally and using a screening form (every clinical facility has its own screening form) for metal, electronic devices and cards with magnetic strips.

This is valid for the patient and for anybody accompanying the patient.

Pregnant patients will need to read and sign a specific Consent Form.

For the above reasons, the door of the MRI room must be kept closed at all times.

I (Print Your Name) _____ declare to have read and understood this MRI Safety information.

Date

Signature