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About Your MRI

You have been advised to have an MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) examination to help in diagnosing and treating your orthopaedic problem. If you are a member of an HMO or insurance plan that requires pre-certification or authorization the study can only be scheduled after this is obtained. We are happy to help you to obtain authorization. It is your responsibility to provide us with up-to-date information regarding your insurance coverage. Once we have the proper information, we can proceed.

You will be given a prescription for the MRI. Do not lose it. It will be required in order to have your examination, just like a prescription is needed to obtain medication from the drug store.

We will then contact your insurance and provide them with your information that you gave to us and the medical documentation that supports the need for the MRI.

Once they give us the certification/authorization number we will contact you and give the number to you. You must then call the MR facility, give them the number and then schedule the procedure. Once the MRI is reviewed by Dr. Harwin, we will call you with the results.

In most cases, various possibilities of treatment options were discussed with you by Dr. Harwin or his assistant, John J. Lichardi, RPA-C. If physical therapy and/or medication are recommended to try to treat your problem, we will send the prescriptions for you. If you do not improve after the course of physical therapy and medication, please call us and return to the office for re-evaluation.

If based on the MRI, a surgical procedure is recommended, then you will be asked to come in to the office to discuss the options and proposed procedure with you.

We look forward to discussing the results with you.

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