

Need an MRI w/ Anesthesia

7am Time Slot – Special Considerations

**COVID POSITIVE**  
Urgent cases ONLY

Must discuss need for image w/ MRI and Anesthesiology. Continue pathway if image required

Positive

COVID Status

Negative

**Consider NPO Orders**

Solid Food – 8 hrs  
Non human Milk / Crackers – 6 hrs  
Breast Milk – 4 hrs  
Clears – 2 hrs

**Does Case Qualify for the 7am Monday Or Thursday Slot?**

- MRI is a short case (image takes < 45 min to do (see below for example cases)  
- Patient is generally healthy  
- Patient does NOT need a procedure following image (rarely LPs can be accommodated)

**EMERGENCY MRI**  
Night/Weekend Request

YES

**REQUIRED Peds Attending to Anesthesiology Attending Communication**

- All Emergency cases – ex. unstable patients, cases done after 4pm, cases done over the weekend  
- Resident to obtain On Call Peds Anesthesiologist's phone number from Anesthesiology Coordinator (4-7481) and give to Peds Attending  
- Anesthesiology Coordinator is usually busy, give person 10-15min to answer you back before calling again.

**Order MRI**

- Place order for MRI and in comments note "to be done under anesthesia," and if additional procedures will be done (\*see below for LP Special Considerations).  
- Confirm with MRI tech at 6-2047 order was received. --  
- Confirm that MRI is a "short case" if 7am slot is desired

**Examples of Short MRIs (< 45 minutes) that will qualify for the standing 7am time slot. Confirm w/ MRI Tech at 6-2047 if you are unsure if your image qualifies**

- MRI Brain without contrast
- MRI Brain with and without contrast
- MRI Orbits without contrast
- MRI Orbits with and without contrast
- MRI IAC without contrast
- MRI IAC with and without contrast
- MRI Brain and Orbits without contrast
- MRI Brain and Orbits with and without contrast
- MRI Brain and IAC without contrast
- MRI Brain and IAC with and without contrast
- MRI Cervical Spine without contrast
- MRI Cervical Spine with and without contrast
- MRI Thoracic Spine without contrast
- MRI Lumbar Spine without contrast
- MRI Lumbar Spine with and without contrast

**BOOK MRI**

Book the case at 4-2444 w/ OR Scheduling.  
Say "I would like to book a case for a MRI w/ anesthesia for \_\_ date/time \_\_, with or without additional procedures (ex. LP)."  
- The case will likely be an "Add On"  
- If you would like the 7am Mon/Thur time slot, mention it here, but the 4-2444 staffer cannot confirm time  
- If calling on nights/weekends this number is forwarded to a busy OR Charge RN, call back every 15 min until call is answered. Cannot have case w/ anesthesia if not booked.

**Booking of Non URGENT MRIs:**

During regular business hours (NO nights/weekends/holidays), Eleanor / Jerry at Elective Procedures (4-2924) may be helpful in arranging the procedure / looking at the schedule for the next day to estimate times. Call them to help with all non urgent (< 24 hrs from ordering) MRIs.

**TRANSPORTATION For Mon/Thur 7am Time Slot**

- **\*\*Very Important\*\***  
- Ask nursing to schedule transport for 6:30am pick up (can be done ahead of time).  
- Let nurse know there will be no "call for the patient," so the patient just needs to go down in the morning

**Email Template:**

To all,  
As \_\_Insert name of anesthesiologist or anesthesia coordinator(if applicable) \_\_ and I have discussed, patient Name/MRN will be going for sedated MRI \_\_either date/time of case OR as an add on for \_\_date \_\_  
Patient is a \_\_Age, significant history, COVID status, reason for the scan, reason for urgency, and how scan will change management \_\_  
Case \_\_HAS \_\_ been booked with OR scheduling (4-2444)  
Patient last ate/drank at \_\_time \_\_, and has been NPO since OR patient will be NPO at midnight for next day, which will allow for 2 hrs clears, and 8 hrs all else.  
\_\_If the case is at 7am \_\_ I have \_\_ arranged transportation \_\_  
Please contact me at \_\_; or \_\_ (a 2<sup>nd</sup> resident – day team/night team senior) if you have questions.

**Email Communication**

- For Mon/Thurs 7am Cases and for Add On cases  
Send the Email Template to: "**Peds MRI**" <Peds\_MRI@stonybrookmedicine.edu>  
- CC the patient's resident team (day and night teams) and primary attending

**Mon/Thur 7am Time Slot CONFIRMATION**

- MRI / Anesthesia will confirm via email chain if email sent before **8:00 PM** the night before  
- IF email sent/MRI ordered **after 8:00 PM** the night before, OR there was no confirmation Peds Attending (Hospitalist, ED, Neuro, etc) to Anesthesiology Attending Communication is needed (see above on how to get Anesthesiology attending phone number)

**DOUBLE CHECKS**

- Ensure NPO orders are correct  
- For 7am cases double check transportation has been arranged, and that the patient will be sent down without a call to the nurse  
- Negative COVID test within 72 hrs

**Morning Of – Confirmation Calls**

- Call the MRI Tech at 6-2047 to verify the order and confirm timing. Can call Donna / Lucy (during business hours) at 4-2424 if there are scheduling/coordinating issues. Eleanor / Jerry at Elective Procedures (4-2924) may also be helpful during business hours.  
- Call MRI Anesthesiologist at 4-7481 to confirm. Notify them if any procedures are to be done. Please give them 10-15min to answer you back before calling again.

**MRI w/ Anesthesia Followed by LP – You MUST have a radiologist read image PRIOR to LP**

1. The day of the MRI call the radiology tech to ask for the name of the covering radiologist. You MUST page the radiologist on call either the morning of the MRI or 2 hours before to explain that an IMMEDIATE read of the MRI is required before you can proceed with the LP (to ensure there are no contraindications to the LP). Note the radiology contact name/ number/pager so you can reach them prior to performing the LP.
2. Morning of MRI or once MRI time is scheduled call the MRI Anesthesiologist at 4-7481 to inform them procedure is needed. Please give them 10-15min to answer you back before calling again.
3. When the patient is being escorted down for MRI call the radiologist to inform them the patient with the required immediate read is on their way down for the MRI.
4. As soon as the MRI is finished contact the radiologist for a read of the MRI.
5. **Perform the LP AFTER radiology reads the MRI as long as there is no contraindications**
6. Record the name of the radiologist you spoke with in the procedure note for the LP.

