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Imaging procedures

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), limb length discrepancy test, ultrasound, computed tomography (CT)

You have been asked to get an MRI, to help obtain more information about your diagnosis or condition. MRIs are very specific and sensitive imaging technique to delineate soft tissue problems such as tendons, cartilage, ligaments, and some bone disorders. X-rays are very helpful with bony abnormalities but are not specific for soft tissue disorders. The same is true for a limb length discrepancy test which we use a CT and a standing pelvic x-ray. We will sometimes also ask for a lower spine view to help elucidate the relationship between these structures. Ultrasound is utilized for visualizing arteries and veins and their dynamic flow. Blood clots are usually diagnosed with an ultrasound. If you are being sent to the imaging facility for a neuroma or bone infection, contrast dye may be needed. This is administered through an IV and if you are older than 55, lab tests may be needed first to check kidney function.

The first step in this process his insurance authorization. Sometimes this process is very easy and other times require documentation or a conversation with the insurance company physician. Please be patient while we obtain authorization from their insurance company as it may take several days.

The second step is making an appointment with the imaging facility. You can do this at your leisure and the imaging facility will call to let you know that insurance authorization has been approved.

After the imaging study has been performed, a report will be generated and the images will be sent to our office. It generally takes a few days for this information to be sent to our office.

We will call to let you know that the report has been sent to our office. Sometimes we will send an e-mail copy to you.

Following this we may make recommendations for treatment *without* an appointment. Most times we will ask you to return to the office for discussion with Dr. Sharp/ Dr. House. Please allow for several days after your imaging study to allow this process to occur and please be patient.

The facility that we prefer is Health Images of South Denver in the Meridian business Park. The address is 9780 Mt. Pyramid Ct, Ste 160 Englewood, CO 80112. The phone number is 303-577-4000.