

Important Information for Patients Obtaining Further Imaging

*****Please read this carefully and ask us to clarify portions that are unclear to you*****

We have decided to obtain further imaging. You have a choice as to where this imaging is performed. We highly recommend that any Spine MRI should be performed on a **minimum 1.5T MRI scanner that is a closed MRI**. A lower T magnet or an open MRI will, simply stated, not show the detail that we need to evaluate your spinal cord, nerve root sac, or spinal nerve roots and make appropriate recommendations. If you have reservations about a closed MRI, please discuss this with us; almost always we can find an appropriate resolution to keep you comfortable and still obtain the quality of imaging that is required.

If you have elected to have this imaging performed at Community Hospital, there will be no need for **you** to personally obtain the images on a disc/CD and no need for **you** to personally obtain the imaging report. Images obtained from these facilities will be pushed forward to our in-office imaging system and will require nothing further from you after leaving your appointment with the imaging facility.

If you have elected to have this imaging performed at a facility other than Community Hospital, **you will need to personally obtain the images on a disc/CD and you will need to personally obtain the imaging report** (may take 2-3 business days for this to be generated by the radiologist). **Do not rely on the imaging facility to "mail the imaging to Dr. Hogan's clinic."**

Sincerely,
*Dr. Hogan and
the OKC Spine & Orthopedic Team*