

Preparation Guidelines of MRI of the Breast

✓ Clothing

 Wear a hospital gown or loose-fitting clothing without metal fasteners.

✓ Eating & Medications:

 Follow facility-specific guidelines. Unless instructed otherwise, you can eat and take medications as usual.

√ Health Conditions:

 Inform the technologist if you have serious health issues or recently underwent surgery.

✓ Claustrophobia or Anxiety:

 Discuss with your doctor about taking a mild sedative if necessary.

✓ Jewelry & Accessories:

Remove all metal and electronic items before the scan, including:

- o Jewelry, watches, credit cards, and hearing aids.
- Pins, zippers, and metallic items that could distort images.
- Body piercings, removable dental work, and eyeglasses.

✓ Metal Implants:

Notify the radiologist about implants such as:

- Cochlear implants, aneurysm clips, and metal coils in blood vessels.
- Older pacemakers and defibrillators (may pose safety concerns).
- Shrapnel, bullets, or any foreign metal bodies, particularly near the eyes.

✓ Tattoo Pigments:

 Some tattoo dyes containing iron might heat up during the scan. Though rare, mention tattoos to the radiologist.

✓ Implant Safety Documentation:

 Bring documentation about the type and safety of any implanted medical devices to your exam.