

Caring for Your Heart Device After Your MRI Scan



This handout gives important instructions to follow after getting an MRI scan when you have a cardiac implantable electronic device (CIED).



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A cardiac implantable electronic device (CIED) is a heart device like a pacemaker or a defibrillator (ICD). An MRI scan can sometimes affect how these devices work. This is because MRI machines use strong magnets, which can cause safety problems for people with implanted heart devices.

Your MRI Scan

You had an MRI scan that was ordered by one of your providers. During your MRI, we followed a special safety plan to set your heart device to a safe mode for MRI. A nurse watched you during the scan. After the scan was done, we changed your device back to its regular settings.

After Your MRI Scan

You do not need to take any special steps after your MRI today. Keep following the normal safety tips your heart device team has given you.

Follow-Up Care

Heart devices are tested carefully and are safe to use with MRI when set up the right way. The company that makes your device recommends that you get your heart device checked again **2 to 3 months** after your MRI. This check can be done **in person** or **remotely** (from home).

If you don't already have an appointment scheduled in the next 2 to 3 months, please make an appointment with your regular Cardiac Electrophysiology (EP) or Cardiology Device clinic. If your nurse told you to come in sooner or later than that, follow their instructions.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or healthcare provider if you have questions or concerns.

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