

**SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

No: MRI-5

Subject: PATIENT CARE /COMFORT IN MRI.

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T.J.C. Standards: EC. 02.01.01 (EP.14) The hospital manages resonance imaging (MRI) safety risks associated with the following: Patients who may experience claustrophobia, anxiety, - or emotional distress Patients who may require urgent or emergent medical care. -Acoustic noise.
UP.01.01.01 Implement a pre procedure process to verify the correct procedure, for the correct patient, at the correct site

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I. PURPOSE

To minimize the noise and potential discomfort a patient may experience during an MRI.

II. POLICY

Patients having an MR examination will be provided various items to minimize the physical and audio discomfort common to MR examinations.

III. PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

As part of patient preparation, each patient will be asked if they would prefer sound dampening earplugs/ headphones/ blanket/ or positioning cushions.

- Disposal ear plugs will be provided upon request.
- Head phones connected to the MR audio system are available for use by patients
- Blankets and various positioning cushions are available upon request.

Note: all non-disposal items will be cleaned after each use using sani-wipes and placed in a clean plastic bag marked with a clean sticker.

Note: Prior to the patient entering the scan room the technologist must perform a complete **time out** to include:

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- Verification of patient's. name (First/ Last & DOB)
 - Patient Medical Record (MR#)
 - Correct procedure
 - Correct site/ Body part
 - Correct laterality,
 - Correct contrast(if applicable)
 - Correct agent, dose & route (if applicable)

IV. ATTACHMENTS:

None

VI. REASON FOR REVISION: Review

VII. REFERENCES:

Joint commission Standards

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