

Brockville General Hospital's magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) service is for **patients aged 16 and older**. As is standard practice when starting an MRI service, Brockville General is adopting a phased approach starting with basic outpatient non-urgent scans.

### **When will Brockville General start to accept referrals?**

**We are now accepting referrals from community practitioners. Our requisition is now available for printing from our website. The requisition MUST be filled completely.** If we receive a referral for a scan that we are not yet performing, we will send the referring practitioner a fax notification. We are not yet accepting inpatients and emergency patients from the hospital.

### **Will patients receive an MRI faster by going to the Emergency Department?**

No. There are very few reasons why someone would need an MRI in an emergency situation. Patients who are in pain, not feeling well and/or are acutely ill are not candidates for an MRI. Coming to our Emergency Department is not a way to "jump the queue."

### **Will some patients in Brockville still need to go to Kingston/Ottawa for an MRI?**

Yes. **We will not be accepting MRI requisitions for breast, heart, youth under 16 years of age, or patients with pacemakers, shunts, brain stimulators, etc. We will not be offering scans with conscious sedation.** Kingston Health Sciences Centre and The Ottawa Hospital/Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario perform these. Additionally, sometimes there are unique reasons why it is preferred that the patient have their MRI in Kingston or Ottawa.

### **I Still Have Questions, Who Can Help Me?**

Denis Arseneau, Manager of Diagnostic Imaging & Cardiovascular Diagnostics  
[darseneau@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca](mailto:darseneau@brockvillegeneralhospital.ca)  
613-345-5645 ext. 51121.