

Important Information for Patients Obtaining Further Imaging

***** This handout was created to ensure that the imaging we obtain is of sufficient quality to make appropriate further recommendations AND save our patients the frustration and expense of re-ordering an MRI. *****

*****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 Spine MRI scans be performed on a **minimum 1.5T MRI scanner that is a closed MRI**. A "lower T" (lower Tesla strength) magnet or an open MRI will not show the detail that is needed to evaluate your spinal cord, nerve root sac, or spinal nerve roots and make appropriate recommendations. If you have reservation 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 high 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