

Southern New Hampshire Veterinary Referral Hospital

Outpatient MRI/CT Information

Referring Veterinarians:

After you have evaluated your patient and determined that an MRI or CT is recommended, you may call SNHVRH at 603-782-8181 to schedule an imaging appointment.

Outpatient MRIs and CTs will be supervised by a SNHVRH veterinarian and performed by an imaging technician. Outpatient cases will remain under referring veterinarian control; these imaging modalities will service as an extension of your own practice. SNHVRH doctors will not examine, consult, or make treatment recommendations for any outpatient imaging patients.

Requirements for Outpatient MRI/CT:

1. Outpatient MRI/CT Referral Form with history, exam, anesthetic concerns, and area to be imaged.
2. Pre-anesthetic labwork (CBC/Chem) performed no more than 4 weeks prior to the imaging date.
3. Referring veterinarian should examine and clear patient for anesthesia prior to imaging appointment.

Process:

All pertinent information should be sent to SNHVRH in advance of the scheduled imaging appointment. These items may be faxed to 603-782-8167 or emailed to info@snhvrh.com. **A SPECIFIC ANATOMIC SITE MUST BE IDENTIFIED BY THE REFERRING VETERINARIAN REQUESTING THE TEST.** Our doctors will not be involved in lesion localization for outpatient imaging.

Upon arrival at SNHVRH, the imaging procedure and anesthetic/sedation risks will be explained to the client, and the client will be given a consent form for the procedure.

There is a low risk of nephrotoxicity associated with intravenous administration of iodinated contrast medium (the type of contrast used for CTs). Those patients of advanced age and/or with renal impairment may be recommended to be hospitalized overnight for IV fluid diuresis. Such hospitalization will incur additional fees to the client. Hospitalization will be performed by the Veterinary Emergency Center of Manchester, located within our facility, and overseen by VECM veterinarians.

Reports:

MRI/CT images will be sent via telemedicine to a boarded veterinary radiologist for consultation and report. All reports will be faxed to the referring veterinarian within 24 hours.

Cost and Services:

Please call for prices and availability.

Please Note: For outpatient MRI/CT services, no consultation or exam will be performed. *Any patients in need of a consultation by one of our specialists should be scheduled through our specialty services directly.* Imaging procedures for such cases will be performed at the discretion of the specialist overseeing the case.