DIRECTIONS: Please see reverse side for maps and directions to Tampa Bay Imaging as well as important information about your exam!
WHAT TO EXPECT FOR YOUR EXAM?

- There is no preparation for an MRI exam.
- MRI utilizes safe radio waves and magnetic field to generate a detailed, clear image processed by a computer. There is no radiation associated with an MRI exam. MRI is generally painless and causes no known side effects. MRI cannot be used on patients with pacemakers, cerebral aneurysm clips, or some other medical devices. Also, MRI is not recommended for pregnant women.
- CT imaging combines special x-ray equipment with sophisticated computers to produce multiple images or pictures of the inside of the body.
- For CT examinations, please refrain from eating (NPO) at least 4 hours to your appointment, especially if a contrast material will be used for your exam.
- Your diagnostic procedure will be explained to you by a trained staff member before your examination begins. During this time, you should ask any questions you may have. You may also be asked to change into a patient gown.
- On the day of your scheduled examination, please remove makeup from your skin and remove any metal objects in your possession. A secured locker will be provided.
- You will be asked to lie flat on a comfortably designed, padded table, which will be slid into position for examination. Once the examination begins, you should relax and remain as still as possible.
- After the examination is complete, you will be given the opportunity to retrieve your personal possessions. At this time, you may return to your normal activities.
- Results of your examination are generally produced within 24 hours and are sent to your physician. Your physician will then contact you to schedule an appointment to discuss the results with you.