

**Salem Clinic at Union St. has an Open MRI Machine**

In an open MRI machine the patient passes through a space that is open on two to three sides. This is different than how the patient will pass into a donut-shaped hole in a closed MRI machine. The wide-open design of an open MRI machine allows patients a higher level of comfort, a reduced potential of claustrophobia and anxiety, and less concern for the patient’s size.

**What is MRI?**

MRI (Magnet Resonance Imaging) is a detailed diagnostic tool used to help physicians evaluate different types of tissue, as well as distinguishing normal, healthy tissue from diseased tissue

**Are there any harmful side effects from MRI?**

MRI does not use ionizing radiation to obtain images. MRI uses a strong magnetic field and radio waves. It is critical to inform the scheduler AND the technologist of any metal in or on your body that cannot be easily removed. Also inform the scheduler and the technologist if there is any chance of pregnancy.

**What happens during an MRI exam?**

You will be positioned on the MRI table, typically lying on your back (this depends on the specific body part being scanned). Coils (special devices that act as antennas) will be placed on or around the area being imaged. It is important to remain motionless during the exam in order to get the highest quality images. During the scan, you will hear a knocking sound during the exam. We will provide you with earplugs or a headset, (depending on the specific exam) for your hearing protection.

**Is there anything that would prevent me from having an MRI exam?**

Because MRI uses a strong magnetic field, some implantable devices may prevent you from having an MRI. Your health and safety are very important to us, so we ask safety questions at least twice before your exam. Firstly, on the phone with a scheduler and then again at the time of your exam with a licensed and highly trained technologist. Please let your physician & technologist know if you have any implants or if you may be pregnant.

**Is there any preparation for an MRI exam?**

- You may eat, drink and take your medication as usual unless you are advised differently by our Radiology staff.
- Please remove all jewelry and piercings before the appointment.
- You will be required to change into a gown, which will be provided for you.

**Your appointment is at**

**1165 Union St NE, Salem, OR 97303**

**Date:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Time:**\_\_\_\_\_ **AM/PM**

If you have any questions, you may call the Radiology department directly at 503-399-2424

**1 Main Clinic**  
**Urgent Care/Same Day Care**  
 (503)364-9888  
 2020 Capitol St. NE  
 Salem, OR 97301

**2 Salem Clinic @ Inland Shores**  
**Urgent Care**  
 (503)589-6255  
 5900 Inland Shores Way  
 Keizer, OR 97303

**3 Salem Clinic - Union Street**  
**Primary Health Care Clinic**  
 1165 Union Street NE  
 Salem, OR 97301

**4 Salem Clinic - South**  
**Urgent Care**  
 (503)485-8600  
 2531 Boone Rd. SE  
 Salem, OR 97306



## Salem Clinic Locations

### Driving directions

to Salem Clinic satellite locations from the Main Clinic 2020 Capitol St. NE, Salem OR 97301

#### To Salem Clinic at Inland Shores

Start out going northeast on Capitol St. NE, becomes *Fairgrounds Rd.*, then *Portland Rd.* (.5 miles)  
 Turn left onto Pine St. NE (.4 miles)  
 Turn right onto Broadway St. NE, becomes River Rd. N (3.1 miles)  
 Turn left onto Promenade Way NE (.1 miles)  
 Turn right into driveway – 5900 Inland Shores Way, Keizer OR 97303

#### To Salem Clinic - Union Street & Primary Health Care Clinic

Start out going southwest on Capitol St. NE, aka *Fairgrounds Rd.*  
 Stay straight (left lanes) to be on Summer St. (1.6 miles)  
 Turn a left onto Union St. NE  
 Turn left onto Capitol St. NE - immediately get into far right lane  
 Turn right into office complex – 1165 Union Street NE, Salem OR 97301

#### To Salem Clinic - South

Start out going southwest on Capitol St. NE, aka *Fairgrounds Rd.*  
 Stay straight (left lanes) to be on Summer St.  
 Turn a left onto Market St. NE (1.7 miles)  
 Turn right onto I-5 South (4.3 miles)  
 Take Kuebler Blvd. Exit 252  
 Turn right onto Kuebler Blvd. (.6 miles)  
 Turn left onto Battle Creek Rd. (.1 miles)  
 Turn left onto Boone Rd. SE (.1 miles)  
 Turn left into office complex – 2531 Boone Rd. SE, Salem OR 97306