

MRI with braces: information card

Fill this in and bring it to your imaging appointment. It does not replace the imaging department's own screening form.

1 Patient

Name _____

Scan requested (body area) _____ Date _____

2 Orthodontic appliance

Brackets

- ☐ Metal (stainless steel) brackets
- ☐ Ceramic or clear brackets
- ☐ Not sure of the material
- ☐ No brackets: clear aligners only (removable)

Archwire

- ☐ Stainless steel
- ☐ Nickel-titanium
- ☐ Not sure of the material
- ☐ No wire in place

Bonded retainer (thin wire fixed behind the front teeth)

- ☐ Upper
- ☐ Lower
- ☐ None

Date braces were placed _____ Orthodontic office _____

3 Questions for the radiologist or technologist

- ☐ Is the area being scanned close to my mouth (neck, sinuses, upper spine)?
- ☐ Do you want the archwire removed before this scan?
- ☐ Do you want the brackets removed, or can they stay for this scan?
- ☐ Who should my orthodontist contact if you need details about the appliance?

A 2017 study of 80 adults scanned at 3 tesla (Cassetta et al., Dentomaxillofacial Radiology) found stainless steel brackets often made scans of the neck, sinuses, head and neck region and cervical spine unreadable, while jaw-joint scans were readable and the authors concluded brain scans should not need removal. The radiologist decides what is right for your scan. If the wire needs to come out, call your orthodontic office as early as you can.

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