

IU Imaging Research Facility Policies

- Confidentiality – Participant confidentiality is a priority within the IRF and is in compliance with the IU IRB. All data are acquired in de-identified form. Only IRB approved personnel interact with study participants during studies.
- Cost Recovery/Payment Policies – There is no fee to use the equipment, but users are expected to cover costs of IRF personnel (MR Physicist, MR Technician). Non-personnel costs (e.g., service contract) are currently subsidized by the College of Arts and Sciences at IU Bloomington. Users are also expected to cover costs for any miscellaneous supplies, specific equipment, and/or software licenses not already available. All IRF users are expected to be actively engaged in securing funding for their continued studies. Users are asked to consult with the IRF Director during the planning phases of their experiment and prior to any grant submissions. There is no peak vs. non-peak rate difference, although the MR technician primarily covers 9am-5pm hours (M-F). If users are planning to regularly scan outside of these hours, users are expected to train lab personnel to become operators.
- Prioritization of work – Users are given access to a shared calendar for scheduling. If extensive data collection efforts are anticipated, users are asked to speak to the IRF Director as early as possible during the planning phases of the experiment and prior to any grant submissions, to ensure feasibility and access for all users. Funded projects that directly cover a portion of personnel costs are given Priority access to scanning. Non-Priority projects are intended for pilot projects and have scheduling restrictions in terms of the number of hours they can schedule and how far in advance they can reserve the magnet. New users are asked to communicate directly with the IRF Director.
- Publication and authorship expectations – There are no formal criteria for authorship involving MR personnel. Decisions for authorship are up to the study PI, and should be consistent with their general policies for study authorship.
- Conflict resolution (Scheduling, technical issues, authorship, quality, authorship, etc.) – Potential conflicts or concerns should be directly communicated to the IRF Director, so that such concerns can be addressed immediately and in an open and transparent manner. If users feel that issues/concerns/conflicts are not or cannot be adequately addressed by the Director, then the Director will ask the IRF Advisory Committee to further consider the issue in order to reach an adequate resolution.