# Magnetic Resonance Imaging Facility

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### Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Action

### InnerVision 1.5T MRI (Lafayette, IN)

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### Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) at Purdue West Lafayette

- What is MRI?
  - An MRI scanner is a software programmable device for medical imaging that does not use X-rays.
- Why is MRI important to Purdue?
  - MRI can be used for:
    - Safe human research studies
      - Functional neuro-imaging (fMRI)
      - Sports medicine and kinesiology studies
    - Animal studies
      - Clinical
      - Scientific
    - Engineering research of imaging physics/algorithms/physiology
  - MRI infrastructure enables NIH/NSF funding opportunities
- What is the challenge?
  - Cost
  - History of MRI funding stream

## **Bringing a 3T MRI to Purdue**

### • The goal

- The Weldon School of Biomedical Engineering will provide a lowcost high-quality MRI facility for use by all of Purdue-West Lafayette
- The plan
  - Local health care organization seeking partner to share cost burden
  - Leverage relationship with GE Healthcare to enhance impact
  - Facility in Research Park for easy academic and commercial access

### • The status

- Site work began on December 11, 2006
- MRI facility interior is being designed
- Use agreements and contracts have been signed
- Facility will be complete by Fall 2007

### **Research Park Site for MRI**



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## **Research Park Facility for MRI**



PURDUE RESEARCH PARK - LOT 8 3482 McCLURE AVENUE



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### **Site and Interior Plans**



## What is available?

- State-of-the-art, GE 16 channel 3.0T MRI
  - High-quality clinical magnet
  - High-resolution capability (<1 mm)</li>
- What can you do with it?
  - Structural MRI
    - Musculoskeletal
    - Joint
    - Breast
  - Diagnostic MRI
    - Oncology
    - Cardiac
  - Functional MRI
    - Neuroimaging
  - MR Spectroscopy
    - Proton (<sup>1</sup>H)

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Signa HDx 3.0T 16 Channel Fixed MR System

## When is it available?

- Purdue access: **46** hours per week
  - Monday through Wednesday 8 PM 2 AM
  - Thursday through Sunday 5 PM Midnight
  - Daytime, weekend hours "as available"

## How do I get access?

### • Qualifications:

- Member of Purdue Faculty/Staff
- Authorized by BME Imaging Facilities Committee
  - Charles A. Bouman, Chair
  - Thomas M. Talavage, Financial Manager
  - Edward J. Delp, Research Liaison
  - Lynetta Freeman, Clinical Liaison
  - William E. Schoenlein, Safety Manager
  - Zygmunt Pizlo, Member-at-large

### Authorization Process:

- Project has appropriate IRB or PACUC approval (if required)
- Identify a person qualified in MRI usage and safety to be present
- Provide an account number to which expenses may be charged

## **Operational Philosophy**

- YOU ARE THE CUSTOMER!
  - This is your facility
  - We're here to meet your needs
  - We'll help you get started
  - We want to make it work for you
- EVERYDAY LOW PRICES!
  - Everyone pays the same LOW rate
  - We want to reduce your costs
  - We want to enhance your funding capacity