MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, is a medical test that helps doctors look for and treat many different medical problems. MRI scanners use a strong magnetic field and computers to create detailed pictures. MRI does not use x-rays to make pictures. Some people can not have an MRI because items in their bodies may be unsafe near the powerful magnet in the MRI machine.

Some uses for MRI scans are:

Checking inside the chest, abdomen and pelvis to look for tumor, fluid buildup or infection
Checking the breasts to look for disease, structural abnormalities, cysts or tumors
Checking the heart to look for disease, structural abnormalities or tumor
Checking the brain for tumor, bleed, stroke,