



Figure 6-2. CT scan of the shoulder with 3-dimensional rendering.

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING

MRI can be used to see everything else surrounding the bones in the body, or to see soft tissue in the body. The benefit of using MRI is that no ionizing radiation is used, which makes it safe to use on pregnant women. The downside of MRI is that patients with pacemakers and patients with metal in their bodies can't get MRIs. This is only true for patients with implants that have iron in it, including patients with shrapnel and brain aneurysm clips. On the other hand, if patients have an existing orthopedic implant, they should be able to get