



MRI: General Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Ordering Guide

Standardization Guide

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MRI: General

- This is for reference only. This does not imply protocol standards for all radiology facilities. Information is subject to change.

MRI Exams are done on a scheduled basis at our main campus

We do not scan any pacemakers or ICD patients here. There are some MRI conditional pacemakers that may be scanned at other facilities with cardiac availability.

Appointment Type	Indications	CPT
MRA MRV Carotid wo contrast		70547
MRA MRV Head wo contrast		70544
MRI Abdomen wo contrast	MRCP(Biliary/Pancreatic Ducts)	74181
MRI Abdomen wwo contrast	Adrenal Adenoma, Adrenal Mass (not adenoma), Hemangioma, Liver, Kidney, or Pancreas Mass Tumor/ Mass/Cancer/Mets	74183
MRI Brain wo contrast	Alzheimer's, Dementia, Memory Loss Mental Status Changes, Confusion, Headache, Seizures, Stroke, CVA,TIA, Trauma, Dizziness	70551
MRI Brain wwo contrast	Cranial Nerve Lesions, Vertigo, Headache with Focal Symptoms, HIV, IAC/Hearing Loss, Infection, Multiple Sclerosis, Neurofibromatosis, Pituitary Lesion, Elevated Prolactin, Seizures (adult new onset), Known Tumor/Mass/Cancer, Mets, Vascular Lesions, Vision Changes, Trigeminal Neuralgia.	70553
MRI Cervical Spine wo contrast	Arm/Shoulder Pain or Weakness, Degenerative Disease, Neck Pain, Disc Herniation, Cervical Fusion, Radiculopathy	72141
MRI Cervical Spine with contrast		72142
MRI Cervical Spine wwo contrast		72156
MRI Lower Ext JT w Left		73722
MRI Lower Ext JT wo contrast left	Arthritis, Avascular Necrosis (AVN), Fracture, Stress Fracture, Internal Derangement, Joint Pain (specify joint), Labral Tear, Meniscal Tear, Muscle Tear, Tendon Tear, Ligament Tear, Cartilage Tear,	73721
MRI Lower Ext JT wo contrast Right	Arthritis, Avascular Necrosis (AVN), Fracture, Stress Fracture, Internal Derangement, Joint Pain (specify joint), Labral Tear, Meniscal Tear, Muscle Tear, Tendon Tear, Ligament Tear, Cartilage Tear, Osteochondritis Dessicans (OCD)	73721
MRI Lower Ext JT w Right		73722
MRI Lower Ext JT wwo contrast left	Abscess, Ulcer, Cellulitis, Fasciitis, Myositis, Inflammatory Arthritis (pannuseval), Osteomyelitis, Septic Arthritis, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets	73723
MRI Lower Ext JT wwo contrast Right	Abscess, Ulcer, Cellulitis, Fasciitis, Myositis, Inflammatory Arthritis (pannuseval), Osteomyelitis, Septic Arthritis, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets	73723
MRI Lower Ext wo contrast Left	Fracture, Stress Fracture, Muscle/Tendon Tear	73718
MRI Lower Ext wo contrast Right	Fracture, Stress Fracture, Muscle/Tendon Tear	73718
MRI Lower Ext wwo contrast Right	Abscess, Ulcer, Bone Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets, Cellulitis, Fasciitis, Myositis, Morton's Neuroma, Osteomyelitis, Soft Tissue Tumor/Mass/Cancer	73720

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MRI Lumbar Spine wo contrast	Back Pain, Compression Fx (no hx malign/mets), Degenerative Disease, Disc Herniation, Radiculopathy, Sciatica, Spondylolisthesis, Stenosis, Trauma	72148
MRI Lumbar Spine w contrast		72149
MRI Lumbar Spine wwo contrast	Compression Fx (no hx malign/mets), Discitis, Osteomyelitis, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets	72158
MRI Neck Face Orbits wo contrast	Grave's Disease, Trauma,	70540
MRI Neck Face Orbits wwo contrast	Exophthalmos, Proptosis, Pseudo tumor, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets, Vascular Lesions, Optic Neuritis, Infection, Vocal Cord Paralysis, Parotid Gland	70543
MRI Pelvis Sacrum wo contrast	Adenomyosis, Fracture, Muscle/Tendon, Tear Urethral, Diverticulum, Sports Hernia	72195
MRI Pelvis Sacrum wwo contrast	Fibroids, Osteomyelitis, Septic Arthritis, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets Abscess, Ulcer	72197
MRI Thoracic Spine wo contrast	Back Pain, Compression Fx (no hx of cancer) Degenerative Disease, Disc Herniation, Radiculopathy, Trauma	72146
MRI Thoracic Spine wwo contrast	Compression Fx (with hx of cancer) Discitis, Osteomyelitis, Multiple Sclerosis, Myelopathy, Syrinx, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets, Vascular Lesions, AVM	72157
MRI Upper Ext JT w Left	Labral Tear, Loose Bodies, OCD, Stability, Post-op Meniscus Evaluation	73222
MRI Upper Ext JT wo left	Arthritis, Avascular Necrosis (AVN), Fracture, Stress Fracture, Internal Derangement, Joint Pain (specify joint), Labral Tear, Meniscal Tear, Muscle Tear, Tendon Tear, Ligament Tear, Cartilage Tear, Osteochondritis Dessicans (OCD)	73221
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MRI Upper Ext JT w Right	Labral Tear, Loose Bodies, OCD Stability, Post-op Meniscus Evaluation	73222
MRI Upper Ext JT wwo contrast Left	Abscess, Ulcer, Cellulitis, Fasciitis, Myositis, Inflammatory Arthritis (pannuseval), Osteomyelitis, Septic Arthritis, Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets	73223
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