

MRI Quick Reference Guide

Exam		Common Reasons for Ordering	Contrast Option	CPT Code
Brain		Routine brain survey, Migraines, CVA/TIA, Dizziness, Mental Status Change	WO	70551
		History of cancer/Metastasis, Mass or Lesion, MS, Seizures, Pituitary, IAC	W & WO	70553
Orbit/Face		Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	70540
		Routinely done W & WO contrast, Mass/Lesion, Optic Neuritis	W & WO	70543
MRA Head		Circle of Willis, Brain Aneurysm, TIA/CVA, Done without contrast	WO	70544
MRA Neck		Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	70547
		CVA/TIA, Carotid or Vertebral artery stenosis	W & WO	70549
Neck (Soft Tissue)		Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	70540
		Routinely done W & WO contrast, Soft tissue Mass/Lesion	W & WO	70543
TMJ (Temperomandibular Joint)		Rule out TMJ Syndrome, Pain	WO	70336
Cervical Spine	-	Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	72141
•		History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & WO	72156
Thoracic Spine	9	Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	72146
·		History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & WO	72157
Lumbar Spine		Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	72148
		History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & WO	72158
Upper Joint	• Shoulder	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue Tear	WO	73221
	ElbowWrist		W & WO	73223
Upper Extremity	• Upper Arm	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue Tear	WO	73218
	ForearmHand/Finger	Sepsis, Osteomyelitis, Mass/Lesion	W & WO	73220
Brachial Plexus		Trauma, Thoracic outlet syndrome	WO	71550
		Possible metastatic lesion, Mass	W & WO	71552
Lower Joint	• Hip	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue tear	WO	73721
	KneeAnkle		W & WO	73723
Lower Extremity	ThighLower LegFoot/Toe	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue tear	WO	73718
		Sepsis, Osteomyelitis, Mass/Lesion	W & WO	73720



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Chest	Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	71550
	Chest wall mass/lesion outside of lung or mediastinum only	W & WO	71552
Breasts	Rule out implant leak or rupture	WO	77059
(Bilateral)	Abnormal mammogram or ultrasound, Mass, Lesion, Screening for breast cancer in high risk patient	W & WO	77059
MRA Chest	W & WO Contrast only, Evaluate Thoracic Aorta	W & WO	71555
Abdomen	Adrenal gland (Chemical Shift imaging), MRCP, Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	74181
	Liver, Kidneys, Pancreas, or other abdominal organ	W & WO	74183
Pelvis	Trauma, Possible fracture or Soft tissue injury	WO	72195
	Bony metastasis, Mass/ Lesion, Prostate, Uterus/Ovaries	W & WO	72197
MRA Abdomen	Contraindication for contrast such as impaired renal function or allergy	WO	74185
	Evaluation of Abdominal Aorta, Hypertension, Arterial stenosis	W & WO	74185
MRA Runoff (Lower Extremities)	W & WO Contrast only, PVD, Arterial Stenosis	W & WO	73725