

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGISTS, PC
MRI EXAM CPT CODE REFERENCE

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STUDY	CPT DESCRIPTION	CPT CODE	INDICATIONS FOR EXAM/STUDY	STRUCTURES VISUALIZED
MRI Abdomen W/O Contrast	MRI Abdomen without contrast	74181	Abdominal pain, biliary duct pathology, stones	Biliary tract, pancreatic duct
MRI Abdomen W/WO Contrast	MRI Abdomen without contrast followed by with contrast material	74183	Cancer, abdominal abscess, assessment of abdominal organs	Structures from diaphragm to iliac crest
MRI Brain/Head W/O Contrast	MRI Brain without contrast material	70551	Headache, memory loss, abnormal gait, visual changes, dementia, migraines, vertigo, tingling or numbness, weakness, dizziness, tremors, epilepsy	Brain from base of skull to vertex
MRI Brain/Head W/WO Contrast	MRI Brain without contrast followed by with contrast material	70553	F/U cancer, pituitary, IAC, orbits, trigeminal/facial/cranial nerves, multiple sclerosis, seizures	Brain with added sequences to look at specific anatomy identified
MRA Neck W/WO Contrast	MRA Neck without contrast material followed by contrast	70549	Bruit, Stroke	Carotid and vertebral arteries
MRI Orbit/Face/Soft Tissue Neck W/WO Contrast	MRA orbit, face, and/or neck without contrast followed by contrast	70543	Neck masses, orbits, lumps, infection, adenopathy	Orbit/face-all structures, bony, and soft tissue. Neck-soft tissue only
MRI Upper Extremity W/O Contrast	MRI upper extremity, other than joint, without contrast	73218	Trauma	Specify body part
MRI Upper Extremity W/WO Contrast	MRI upper extremity, other than joint, without contrast, followed by contrast material	73220	Shoulder injury, nerve avulsion, brachial plexopathy	Specify body part
MRI Upper Extremity Joint W/O Contrast	MRI any joint of upper extremity, without contrast material	73221	Pain, numbness, contusion, fracture, non union, internal derangement	Specify body part
MRI Upper Extremity Joint W/WO Contrast	MRI any joint of upper extremity, without contrast material followed by contrast material	73223	Cellulitis, osteomyelitis, abscesses, infections, tumor, ulcer	Specify body part
MRI Lower Extremity W/O Contrast	MRI lower extremity, other than joint, without contrast material	73718	Trauma	Specify body part
MRI Lower Extremity W/WO Contrast	MRI lower extremity, other than joint, without contrast material followed by contrast material	73720	Trauma, tumor	Specify body part
MRI Lower Extremity Joint W/O Contrast	MRI any joint of lower extremity, without contrast material	73721	Pain, numbness, contusion, fracture, non union, internal derangement	Specify body part
MRI Lower Extremity Joint W/WO Contrast	MRI any joint of lower extremity, without contrast material followed by contrast	73723	Cellulitis, osteomyelitis, abscesses, infections, tumor, ulcer	Specify body part

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MRI Pelvis W/WO Contrast	MRI Pelvis without contrast followed by contrast material and further sequences	72197	Cancer of pelvic organs, prostate, or rectum, pelvic abscess, tumor, hematoma, fibroids, urethra evaluation, dysmenorrhea, pain	Iliac crest to symphysis pubis
MRI Cervical Spine W/O Contrast	MRI spinal canal and contents, cervical, without contrast	72141	Neck, arm, or shoulder pain, numbness, disk herniation, degenerative disk disease, radiculopathy	Cervical spine base of skull to T-1 or T-2
MRI Cervical Spine W/WO Contrast	MRI spinal canal and contents, without contrast material, followed by contrast and further	72156	Syrinx, discitis, osteomyelitis, myelopathy, multiple sclerosis, tumor, mass, cancer, mets	Cervical spine base of skull to T-1 or T-2
MRI Thoracic Spine W/O Contrast	MRI spinal canal and contents, thoracic, without contrast	72146	Back pain, trauma, compression fracture, disk herniation, degenerative disk disease, radiculopathy	Thoracic spine C6 to L2
MRI Thoracic Spine W/WO Contrast	MRI, spinal canal and contents, thoracic, without contrast, followed by contrast	72157	Syrinx, discitis, osteomyelitis, myelopathy, multiple sclerosis, tumor, mass, cancer, mets	Thoracic spine C6 to L2
MRI Lumbar Spine W/O Contrast	MRI spinal canal and contents, lumbar, without contrast	72148	Back/leg pain, degenerative disk disease, trauma, radiculopathy, spinal stenosis, compression fracture, scoliosis, spondylolisthesis, disk herniation	Lumbar spine T11 to S4
MRI Lumbar Spine W/WO Contrast	MRI spinal canal and contents, lumbar, without contrast, followed by contrast	72158	Discitis, osteomyelitis, post-op hx of back surgery, tumor/mass/cancer/mets	Lumbar spine T11 to S5
MRI Brachial Plexus	MRI Chest, without contrast, followed by contrast material	71552	Concern for neck/shoulder region nerve impingement	Mid neck to upper chest

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