

## Guidelines for Ordering MRI Exams

<b>MRI lab values are not required for contrast examination</b>			
<b>Exam</b>	<b>Common reasons for Ordering</b>	<b>Contrast</b>	<b>CPT Code</b>
<b>Brain</b>	Routine brain survey, Migraines, CVA/TIA, Dizziness, Mental Status Change	WO	<b>70551</b>
	History of cancer/Metastasis, Mass or Lesion, MS, Seizures, Pituitary, IAC	W & WO	<b>70553</b>
<b>Orbit/Face</b>	Visual changes, proptosis, orbital infection, thyroid eye disease, trauma, Contraindication for contrast such as allergy	WO	<b>70540</b>
	Mass/Lesion, Optic Neuritis, infectin, thyroid eye disease	W & WO	<b>70543</b>
<b>MRA Head</b>	Circle of Willis, Brain Aneurysm, TIA/CVA, Done without contrast	WO	<b>70544</b>
<b>MRA Neck</b>	Contraindication for contrast such as allergy	WO	<b>70547</b>
	CVA/TIA, Carotid or Vertebral artery stenosis	W & WO	<b>70549</b>
<b>Neck ST</b>	Contraindication for contrast such as allergy	WO	<b>70540</b>
	Soft tissue Mass/Lesion,swelling, palpable abnormality, infection	W & WO	<b>70543</b>
<b>Cervical Spine</b>	Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	<b>72141</b>
	History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest	W & WO	<b>72156</b>
<b>Thoracic Spine</b>	Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	<b>72146</b>
	History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest	W & WO	<b>72157</b>
<b>Lumbar Spine</b>	Routine Spine, Pain, Radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	WO	<b>72148</b>
	History of Cancer, Metastasis, Mass/Lesion, History of surgery on area of interest	W & WO	<b>72158</b>

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<b>Upper Joint</b> <b>Shoulder</b> <b>Elbow</b>	For Upper Joint Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue Tear, Arthrogram w/ XR (fluoro exam), Internal Derangement, Labral/Rotator Cuff Tear, Trauma	WO	<b>73221</b>
	For Upper Joint Sepsis, Osteomyelitis, Mass/Lesion, etc	W & WO	<b>73223</b>
<b>Wrist</b>			
<b>Upper Extremity</b> <b>Upper Arm</b> <b>Forearm</b>	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue Tear, Fracture, Stress Fracture, Mass, Tendon Tear	WO	<b>73218</b>
<b>Brachial Plexus</b>	Trauma, Thoracic outlet syndrome	WO	<b>71550</b>
	Possible metastatic lesion, Mass	W & WO	<b>71552</b>
<b>Lower Joint</b> <b>Hip</b> <b>Knee</b>	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue tear, Internal Derangement, ligament tear, Fracture, OCD, Cartilage Defect,	WO	<b>73721</b>
	Sepsis, Osteomyelitis, Mass/Lesion, Arthrogram	W & WO	<b>73723</b>
<b>Ankle</b>			
<b>Lower Extremity</b> <b>Thigh</b> <b>Lower Leg</b>	Pain, Injury, Soft Tissue tear, Fracture, Stress Fracture, Tendon Tear	WO	<b>73718</b>
	Sepsis, Osteomyelitis, Mass/Lesion	W & WO	<b>73720</b>
<b>mid or fore-Foot/Toe</b>			
<b>Chest</b>	Pectorialis Tear, Contraindication for contrast such as allergy	WO	<b>71550</b>
	Chest wall mass/lesion outside of lung or mediastinum only	W & WO	<b>71552</b>
<b>Breasts</b>	Rule out implant leak or rupture	WO	<b>77059</b>
	Abnormal mammogram or ultrasound, Mass, Lesion, Screening for breast cancer in high risk patient, New Dx	W & WO	<b>77059</b>

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<b>MRA Chest</b>	W & WO Contrast only, Evaluate Thoracic Aorta	W & WO	<b>71555</b>
<b>Abdomen</b>	Adrenal gland, MRCP, Contraindication for contrast such as allergy, pregnant pt appendicitis	WO	<b>74181</b>
	Liver, Kidneys, Pancreas, or other abdominal organ, Mets, Mass, Hemangioma, Cholangitis, Nonpregnant appendicitis	W & WO	<b>74183</b>
<b>Pelvis</b>	Trauma, Possible fracture or Soft tissue injury, sport hernia, Penis, (Placenta abnormalities, placenta accreta, placenta percreta, succenturiate lobe, vasa previa, done around 28-32 wks)	WO	<b>72195</b>
	Bony metastasis, Mass/ Lesion, Uterus/Ovaries/Cervix, Mass, Rectum Mass, Fistula	W & WO	<b>72197</b>
<b>MRA Abdomen</b>	Evaluation of Abdominal Aorta, Hypertension, Arterial stenosis	W & WO	<b>74185</b>