MRI IndicationsPhysician Reference Guide



NOTE: This guide was developed by radiology as reference guides for providers, to assist with ordering exams based on diagnosis and/or symptoms.

WITH AND WITHOUT CONTRAST	WITHOUT CONTRAST
BRAIN • Tumor	Stroke
 IAC Syrinx MS Myelopathy Multiple Sclerosis Myelopathy Orbits Personal history of Cancer Trigeminal neuralgia Infection Sella or Pituitary 	 Weakness Headaches Pain Memory loss
SOFT TISSUE OR BRACHIAL PLEXUS ALWAYS	
C-SPINE	
SyrinxMSMyelopathyInfection	 Pain Radiculopathy MVA Headache
 THORACIC OR LUMBAR SPINE Surgery Infection Abscess Personal history of cancer 	 Pain Radiculopathy Compression Fracture MVA
EXTREMITIES • Osteomyelitis • Mass	PainFractureRadiculopathy

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 ABDOMEN Liver Kidneys Renals MRCP (NPO for 8 hours) 	Adrenal Glands
 PELVIS Soft tissue female/male pelvis Tumor Mass 	SI jointsSacrumBoney
 MRA Carotids Renals Lower Extremities 	Brain (MRV, MRA ALWAYS without contrast)