

Guide for Chiropractors

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Diagnostic Imaging Exams

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SPINE IMAGING

MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
MRI	MR Cervical <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc herniation • Fracture • Neck pain • Radiculopathy • Soft-tissue damage • Spinal stenosis • Trauma 	72141
MRI	MR Cervical <i>without contrast</i> with Flexion & Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck pain/upper extremity radicular symptoms, especially when position dependent • Neck pain w/ upper extremity radicular symptoms w/ suspected cervical instability • Disc herniation • Fracture • Soft tissue damage • Spinal stenosis • Trauma 	72141*
MRI	MR Thoracic <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Disc herniation • Fracture • Radiculopathy • Spinal cord injury • Spinal stenosis • Trauma • Upper/mid back pain 	72146
MRI	MR Lumbar <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disc bulges • Disc herniation • Incontinence • Low back pain • Radiculopathy • Spinal stenosis • Trauma 	72148
MRI	MR Lumbar <i>without contrast</i> with Flexion & Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain/lower extremity radicular symptoms, especially when position dependent • Back pain/lower extremity radicular symptoms w/ suspected low back instability • Disc bulge • Disc herniation • Incontinence • Spinal stenosis • Trauma 	72148*
MRI	MR Lumbar <i>without and with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cauda Equina syndrome • Mass/lesion • Postoperative back pain or radiculopathy • Suspected disc space infection/osteomyelitis 	72158
MRI	MR Lumbar Weight Bearing <i>without and with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cauda Equina syndrome • Mass/lesion • Suspected disc space infection/osteomyelitis • When the above symptoms change significantly w/ versus w/out weight bearing 	73721
MRI	MR Sacrum/Coccyx <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Injury • Pain 	72195

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MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
X-RAY	XR Cervical 2-3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck pain • Suspected lesion • Upper extremity pain 	72040
X-RAY	XR Cervical 4-5 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck pain • Suspected lesion • Upper extremity pain 	72050
X-RAY	XR Cervical 6+ Views (Davis Series)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neck pain • Suspected lesion • Upper extremity pain 	72052
X-RAY	XR Thoracic 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain • Suspected lesion 	72070
X-RAY	XR Thoracic 4+ Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain with thoracic cage pain • Suspected lesion 	72074
X-RAY	XR Lumbar 2-3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain • Suspected lesion • Leg pain 	72100
X-RAY	XR Lumbar 4 +Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain • Suspected lesion • Leg pain 	72110
X-RAY	XR Lumbar Complete with Bending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back pain with or without leg pain, especially if symptoms increase with bending • Suspected lesion • Suspected lumbar instability 	72114
X-RAY	XR Sacrum & Coccyx 2+ Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture • Pain or tenderness • Tumor 	72220

MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
CT	CT Cervical <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Disc herniation • Failed fusion • Infection 	72125
CT	CT Lumbar <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Disc herniation • Failed fusion • Infection 	72131

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MUSCULOSKELETAL IMAGING

MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
MRI	MR Ankle <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avascular necrosis • Infection • Ligament tear • Tendon tear • Tumor/mass 	73721
MRI	MR Ankle, MR Knee, MR Hip <i>post-arthrogram with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-arthrogram review of joint 	73722
MRI	MR Elbow <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avascular necrosis • Infection • Ligament tear • Tendon tear • Tumor/mass 	73221
MRI	MR Elbow, MR Wrist, MR Shoulder <i>post-arthrogram with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post-arthrogram review of joint 	73222
MRI	MR Foot <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avascular necrosis • Infection • Ligament tear • Tendon tear • Tumor/mass 	73718
MRI	MR Hip Unilateral <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avascular necrosis • Infection • Tumor/mass 	73721
MRI	MR Knee <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Avascular necrosis • Damaged cartilage, ligaments or tendon • Decreased range of motion • Infection • Meniscus tear • Pain • PCL/ACL tear • Swelling • Tumor/mass 	73721
MRI	MR Pelvis (Bone) <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fracture • Sacral/coccyx disorder • SI joint pain 	72195
MRI	MR Shoulder <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Decreased range of motion • Fracture • Labral tear • Pain • Rotator cuff tear 	73221

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MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
MRI	MR Tibia/Fibula Unilateral <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infection • Mass • Tumor 	73718
MRI	MR SI Joints <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SI joint pain 	72195
MRI	MR Upper Extremity Joint <i>with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer • Infection • Mass • Metastases • Pain • Tumor 	73218
MRI	MR Wrist <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Injury • Pain • Swelling 	73221

MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
X-RAY	XR Ankle 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Bone spurs • Congenital abnormalities • Fractures • Infection • Tendinitis • Tumors 	73610
X-RAY	XR Elbow 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Bone spurs • Congenital abnormalities • Fractures • Infection • Tendinitis • Tumors 	73080
X-RAY	XR Finger(s) 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Inflammation • Fracture • Tumor 	73140
X-RAY	XR Foot 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Inflammation • Fracture • Tumor 	73630
X-RAY	XR Hand 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Bone spurs • Congenital abnormalities • Fractures • Infection • Tendinitis • Tumors 	73130
X-RAY	XR Hip Bilateral 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avascular Necrosis • Infection • Tumor/mass 	73520
X-RAY	XR Hip Unilateral 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Hip dysplasia • Post-operative review 	73510
X-RAY	XR Knee 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arthritis • Bone spurs • Congenital abnormalities • Fractures • Infection • Tendinitis • Tumors 	73562

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MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
X-RAY	XR Leg Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantify leg-length discrepancy Back or lower extremities pain Compensatory gaits Degenerative arthritis 	77073
X-RAY	XR Pelvis 1-2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthritis Inflammation Fracture Tumor 	72170
X-RAY	XR Ribs Unilat 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fracture 	71101
X-RAY	XR Shoulder 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rotator cuff tear Swelling Tenderness 	73030
X-RAY	XR Tibia/Fibula 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthritis Inflammation Fracture Tumor 	73590
X-RAY	XR Wrist 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arthritis Bone spurs Congenital abnormalities Fractures Infection Tendinitis Tumors 	73590

MODALITY	PROCEDURE	REASON FOR STUDY	CPT
ARTHROGRAM	Arthrogram Ankle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal growths Fluid Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear 	27648
ARTHROGRAM	Arthrogram Elbow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal growths Fluid Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear 	24220
ARTHROGRAM	Arthrogram Shoulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal growths Fluid Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear Rotator cuff tear 	23350
ARTHROGRAM	Arthrogram Wrist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abnormal growths Fluid Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear 	25246