

# Spine Imaging

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

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X-RAY	XR Cervical 2-3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neck pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Upper extremity pain</li> </ul>	72040
X-RAY	XR Cervical 4-5 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neck pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Upper extremity pain</li> </ul>	72050
X-RAY	XR Cervical 6+ Views (Davis Series)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neck pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Upper extremity pain</li> </ul>	72052
X-RAY	XR Thoracic 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> </ul>	72070
X-RAY	XR Thoracic 4+ Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back pain with thoracic cage pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> </ul>	72074
X-RAY	XR Lumbar 2-3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Leg pain</li> </ul>	72100
X-RAY	XR Lumbar 4 +Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back pain</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Leg pain</li> </ul>	72110
X-RAY	XR Lumbar Complete with Bending	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back pain with or without leg pain, especially if symptoms increase with bending</li> <li>• Suspected lesion</li> <li>• Suspected lumbar instability</li> </ul>	72114
X-RAY	XR Sacrum & Coccyx 2+ Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Pain or tenderness</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	72220
CT	CT Cervical <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Disc herniation</li> <li>• Failed fusion</li> <li>• Infection</li> </ul>	72125
CT	CT Lumbar <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Disc herniation</li> <li>• Failed fusion</li> <li>• Infection</li> </ul>	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"> <li>• Avascular necrosis</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Ligament tear</li> <li>• Tendon tear</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73721
MRI	MR Ankle, MR Knee, MR Hip <i>post-arthrogram with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-arthrogram review of joint</li> </ul>	73722
MRI	MR Elbow <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avascular necrosis</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Ligament tear</li> <li>• Tendon tear</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73221
MRI	MR Elbow, MR Wrist, MR Shoulder <i>post-arthrogram with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post-arthrogram review of joint</li> </ul>	73222
MRI	MR Foot <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avascular necrosis</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Ligament tear</li> <li>• Tendon tear</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73718
MRI	MR Hip Unilateral <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avascular necrosis</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73721
MRI	MR Knee <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Avascular necrosis</li> <li>• Damaged cartilage, ligaments or tendon</li> <li>• Decreased range of motion</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Meniscus tear</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• PCL/ACL tear</li> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73721
MRI	MR Pelvis (Bone) <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Sacral/coccyx disorder</li> <li>• SI joint pain</li> </ul>	72195
MRI	MR Shoulder <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Decreased range of motion</li> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Labral tear</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Rotator cuff tear</li> </ul>	73221

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<b>MRI</b>	MR Tibia/Fibula Unilateral <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Mass</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	73718
<b>MRI</b>	MR SI Joints <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SI joint pain</li> </ul>	72195
<b>MRI</b>	MR Upper Extremity Joint <i>with contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Mass</li> <li>• Metastases</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	73218
<b>MRI</b>	MR Wrist <i>without contrast</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Injury</li> <li>• Pain</li> <li>• Swelling</li> </ul>	73221
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Ankle 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Bone spurs</li> <li>• Congenital abnormalities</li> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tendinitis</li> <li>• Tumors</li> </ul>	73610
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Elbow 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Bone spurs</li> <li>• Congenital abnormalities</li> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tendinitis</li> <li>• Tumors</li> </ul>	73080
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Finger(s) 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Inflammation</li> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	73140
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Foot 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Inflammation</li> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	73630
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Hand 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Bone spurs</li> <li>• Congenital abnormalities</li> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tendinitis</li> <li>• Tumors</li> </ul>	73130
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Hip Bilateral 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Avascular Necrosis</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tumor/mass</li> </ul>	73520
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Hip Unilateral 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Hip dysplasia</li> <li>• Post-operative review</li> </ul>	73510

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<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Knee 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Bone spurs</li> <li>• Congenital abnormalities</li> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tendinitis</li> <li>• Tumors</li> </ul>	73562
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Leg Length	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quantify leg-length discrepancy</li> <li>• Back or lower extremities pain</li> <li>• Compensatory gaits</li> <li>• Degenerative arthritis</li> </ul>	77073
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Pelvis 1-2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Inflammation</li> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	72170
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Ribs Unilateral 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fracture</li> </ul>	71101
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Shoulder 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rotator cuff tear</li> <li>• Swelling</li> <li>• Tenderness</li> </ul>	73030
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Tibia/Fibula 2 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Inflammation</li> <li>• Fracture</li> <li>• Tumor</li> </ul>	73590
<b>X-RAY</b>	XR Wrist 3 Views	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arthritis</li> <li>• Bone spurs</li> <li>• Congenital abnormalities</li> <li>• Fractures</li> <li>• Infection</li> <li>• Tendinitis</li> <li>• Tumors</li> </ul>	73590
<b>ARTHROGRAM</b>	Arthrogram Ankle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal growths</li> <li>• Fluid</li> <li>• Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear</li> </ul>	27648
<b>ARTHROGRAM</b>	Arthrogram Elbow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal growths</li> <li>• Fluid</li> <li>• Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear</li> </ul>	24220
<b>ARTHROGRAM</b>	Arthrogram Shoulder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal growths</li> <li>• Fluid</li> <li>• Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear</li> <li>• Rotator cuff tear</li> </ul>	23350
<b>ARTHROGRAM</b>	Arthrogram Wrist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Abnormal growths</li> <li>• Fluid</li> <li>• Ligament or cartilage degeneration, disease or tear</li> </ul>	25246