

Quick Reference Guide

MRI

Exam	Common Reason(s) for Ordering	Contrast Option(s)	CPT Code
Brain	Routine brain survey, migraines, CVA / TIA, dizziness, mental status change	W/O	70551
	History of cancer / metastasis, mass or lesion, multiple sclerosis, seizures, pituitary, IAC	W & W/O	70553
Orbit / Face	Contraindication for contrast (allergy)	W/O	70540
	Mass / lesion, optic neuritis (routinely done W & W/O contrast)	W & W/O	70543
MRA Head	Circle of Willis, brain aneurysm, TIA / CVA (done W/O contrast)	W/O	70544
MRA Neck	Contraindication for contrast (allergy)	W/O	70547
	CVA / TIA, carotid or vertebral artery stenosis	W & W/O	70549
Neck (Soft Tissue)	Contraindication for contrast (allergy)	W/O	70540
	Soft tissue mass, lymphadenopathy, head and neck cancer (routinely done W & W/O contrast)	W & W/O	70543
TMJ (Temporomandibular Joint)	TMJ pain, clicking or locking	W/O	70336
Cervical Spine	Routine spine, pain, radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	W/O	72141
	History of cancer, metastasis, mass / lesion, history of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & W/O	72156
Thoracic Spine	Routine spine, pain, radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	W/O	72146
	History of cancer, metastasis, mass / lesion, history of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & W/O	72157
Lumbar Spine	Routine spine, pain, radiculopathy, HNP, DDD	W/O	72148
	History of cancer, metastasis, mass / lesion, history of surgery on area of interest within past 10 years	W & W/O	72158
Upper Joint (Shoulder, Elbow, Wrist)	Pain, injury, soft tissue tear	W/O	73221
	Sepsis, osteomyelitis, mass / lesion	W & W/O	73223
	Arthrogram	W Intra-Articular Contrast	73222
Upper Extremity (Upper Arm, Forearm, Hand / Finger)	Pain, injury, soft tissue tear	W/O	73218
	Sepsis, osteomyelitis, mass / lesion	W & W/O	73220
Brachial Plexus	Trauma, thoracic outlet syndrome	W/O	71550
	Possible metastatic lesion, mass	W & W/O	71552

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Lower Joint (Hip, Knee, Ankle)	Pain, injury, soft tissue tear	W/O	73721
	Sepsis, osteomyelitis, mass / lesion	W & W/O	73723
	Arthrogram	W Intra-Articular Contrast	73722
Lower Extremity (Thigh, Lower Leg, Foot / Toe)	Pain, injury, soft tissue tear	W/O	73718
	Sepsis, osteomyelitis, mass / lesion	W & W/O	73720
Chest	Contraindication for contrast (allergy)	W/O	71550
	Chest wall mass, extrapulmonary lesion, pectoralis muscle injury	W & W/O	71552
MRA Chest	Evaluate thoracic aorta (W & W/O contrast only)	W & W/O	71555
Abdomen	Biliary obstruction (MRCP), adrenal nodules (adrenal protocol), appendicitis evaluation in pregnancy	W/O	74181
	Liver: Liver lesions, cirrhosis, hepatoma screening	W	74183
	Pancreas: Pancreatic lesions, biliary or pancreatic duct dilation	W	74182
	Renal: Renal mass	W	74182
	Urography: Hematuria, evaluate renal collecting systems	W	74182
	Enterography: Crohn's disease, IBD	W & Oral Contrast	74182
Pelvis	Trauma / fracture, soft tissue injury, sports hernia	W/O	72195
	Gynecologic: Evaluate uterus, ovaries	W & W/O	72197
	Prostate: Prostate cancer evaluation (PI-RADS)	W & W/O	72197
	Rectal cancer staging, other oncologic evaluation, abscess, fistula	W & W/O	72197
	Musculoskeletal: Sacroiliitis, arthritis	W & W/O	72197
MRA Abdomen	Contraindication for contrast (allergy)	W/O	74185
	Evaluation of abdominal aorta, hypertension, arterial stenosis	W & W/O	74185
MRA Runoff	Claudication, peripheral vascular disease	W & W/O	73725 LOWER EXTREMITY 74185 MRA ABD

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