

Cervical Spine MRI Protocol

The protocol below represents a full cervical spine exam. There is variation depending on the clinical question and clinician preference. It is highly suggested to acquire at last one post contrast series with fat saturation. For scanning technique, see the [Cervical Spine MRI Guide](#)

Disclaimer: Please keep in mind any parameters, positioning, or coil selections listed are meant to serve as a guideline, your particular scanner specifications and coil set may vary, necessitating different parameters than those listed.

Position: Supine or Prone

Coil: Flex coil, Quad Knee, Spine Coil, or Knee Coil

Parameters:

- FOV: Sm (12cm) Med (15cm) Lg (18cm)
- Resolution: 0.6mm x 0.8mm
- Slice Thickness: 2.5-3.5mm
- Averages/NEX: 4

Sagittal T2

Sagittal STIR

Sagittal T1

Axial T2

Axial T1

Contrast

Sagittal T1

Axial T1

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