

# 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 least one post contrast series with fat saturation if contrast is administered. It is also highly suggested to acquire one series in the dorsal plane, typically a T2 or STIR. 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

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

Parameters:

- FOV: Sm (18cm) Med (24cm) Lg (32cm)
- Resolution: 0.6mm x 0.8mm
- Slice Thickness: 2-3mm
- Averages/NEX: 4

**Sagittal T2**

**Sagittal STIR**

**Sagittal T1**

**Axial T2**

**Axial T1**

**Contrast**

**Sagittal T1**

**Axial T1**

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