

Thoracolumbar Spine Protocol

Typical Scan Protocol

The protocol below represents a full thoracolumbar exam. There is a lot of variation depending on the clinical question and clinician preference. The **minimum** recommended sequences depend on pathology, so no sequences are in bold. It is highly recommended to include at least 1 sequence, either T2 or STIR, in the dorsal plane and at least 1 sequence with fat saturation if contrast is administered.

Sagittal T2 Lumbar

Sagittal T2 Thoracic

Sagittal STIR Lumbar

Sagittal STIR Thoracic

Sagittal T1 Lumbar

Sagittal T1 Thoracic

Axial T2 ROI

Axial T1 ROI

Contrast

Sagittal T1 ROI

Axial T1 ROI

Optional Sequences

3D Myelogram

HASTE Myelogram

Multi-echo GRE

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