## MRI Ordering Guide

**BREAST / CHEST / CARDIAC**

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| MRI Breast Bilateral W and W/O Contrast | 70595C & 019T | Newly diagnosed breast cancer  
High risk screening for breast cancer  
Please call 314-362-7111 for the Contrast Enhanced Breast MRI Request Form.  
Approval by the Breast Health Center is required prior to scheduling any contrast-enhanced breast MRI. If patient has a menstrual cycle, this exam must be scheduled between cycle day 7 and 10. |
| MRI Breast Bilateral W/O Contrast | 70595A & 019T | Non-contrast enhanced breast MRI to evaluate integrity of silicone implants does not require approval prior to scheduling. If patient has a menstrual cycle, this exam must be scheduled between cycle day 7 and 10. |
| MRI Chest W and W/O Contrast | 71552 | Lung cancer  
Mediastinal/hyphic mass  
Pancreatic tumor  
Suspected dissection  
Brain: posterior brainstem lesion/pilocytic astrocytoma |
| MRI Chest W/O Contrast | 71550 | Non-contrast enhanced chest MRI to evaluate integrity of silicone implants does not require approval prior to scheduling. If patient has a menstrual cycle, this exam must be scheduled between cycle day 7 and 10. |
| MRA/MRV Chest W/O Contrast | 71555C | Arterial (TIA, TIA, dissection, aneurysm)  
Thoracic outlet syndrome  
Subclavian disease |
| Upper Extremity (Joint) | | • Fracture  
• Muscle, tendon or nerve injury  
• Osteonecrosis (AVN) |
| Shoulder MRI W/O Contrast | CPT Code 72192 | • Barn Burners  
• Elbow Dislocation  
• Fracture  
• Mass/Tumor  
• Infection  
• Tenosynovitis  
• Ligament  
• Tendon  
• CARTilage injury or repair  
• Loose body  
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| Elbow MRI W/O Contrast | CPT Code 72190 | • Barn Burners  
• Elbow Dislocation  
• Fracture  
• Mass/Tumor  
• Infection  
• Tenosynovitis  
• Ligament  
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| Wrist MRI W/O Contrast | CPT Code 72219 | • Barn Burners  
• Elbow Dislocation  
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• Mass/Tumor  
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**MUSCULOSKELETAL MRI**

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| Temporomandibular joints (TMJ) | CPT Code 70336 | Pain  
Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) MRI | 70336 | |  
Arthritis  
TMJ disc abnormalities  
Osteonecrosis (AVN)  
Rib fracture, condylar cartilage injury  
Muscle, tendon or nerve injury |
| Chest Wall/Rib, Sternum, Bilateral Pectoralis Muscles, Bilateral Clavicles MRI | CPT Code 71197 | Arthritis/Synovitis  
Mass/Tumor  
Infection  
Tenosynovitis  
Pulmonary arteriovenous malformation  
Suspected dissection  
Follow-up of aortic root dilatation  
Follow-up of aortic aneurysm |
| Temporomandibular joint (TMJ) MRI | 70336 | Pain  
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Arthritis/Synovitis  
Mass/Tumor  
Infection  
Tenosynovitis  
Pulmonary arteriovenous malformation  
Suspected dissection  
Follow-up of aortic root dilatation  
Follow-up of aortic aneurysm |
| Pelvis, Sacroiliac (SI) joints, Pubic symphysis MRI | CPT Code 72195 | Arthritis  
TMJ disc abnormalities  
Osteonecrosis (AVN)  
Pulmonary arteriovenous malformation  
Suspected dissection  
Follow-up of aortic root dilatation  
Follow-up of aortic aneurysm |
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| Upper Extremity (Non-Joint) | | • Mass/Tumor  
• Inflammation  
• Infection  
• Synovitis  
• Erosions  
• Arthritis |
| Scapula MRI | CPT Code 71552 | Mass/Tumor  
Mass/Tumor  
Fracture  
Mass/Tumor  
Infection  
Infection |
| Finger(s) MRI W/O Contrast | CPT Code 72188 | • Barn Burners  
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**Premedication for Contrast Allergy**

- **Patients who are allergic to iodinated contrast (CT dye) do not require premedication for Gadobulinum chelate contrast (MRI dye)**
- **For any MRI exam notification of the patient’s weight is required at the point of scheduling.**

For questions regarding how to order any of the MRI scans or how to reach the appropriate sub-specialty radiologist, please call the MRI coordinator at 314-362- 0011ough imaging technologies and scheduling.

All exams are read by subspecialized radiologists from Washington University’s Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology.  

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