

Radiology of Indiana

Protocols	Scan #	FOV (CM)	Slice Thickness (mm)	Spacing (mm)	Special Instructions/Comments
Abdomen					Any abdomen study without an organ specific indication. Otherwise, see organ specific protocol.
Ax Fiesta/ True FISP		~30-40	5	1	
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	5	1	
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	5	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	8	2	Only send B50 and 1000
ADC		~30-40	8	2	
Ax Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	5	2.5	If there is a "mask" phase you don't need to complete pre-contrast LAVA. If not, we need a separate pre-contrast LAVA.
Ax Post Dyn (20 sec, 1 min 3 min)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Cor Post 5 min		~30-40	4	2	
Ax Post 10 min		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax T1 Lava 20 min (Eovist only)		~30-40	5	2.5	FYI: All Vibes/Lavas should be Fat Sat or "water only" images for all MRI body protocols
Adrenal					
Ax Fiesta/ True FISP		~30-40	5	1	
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	5	2.5	
Coronal 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-41	5	1	
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	5	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	8	2	Only send B50 and 1000
ADC		~30-40	8	2	
Ax Lava or similar		~30-40	5	2.5	
Liver					
Ax Fiesta/ True FISP		~30-40	5	1	Please refer to Liver & Abdominal MRI Clinical Guidelines for Gadolinium Based Contrast Agents
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	5	2.5	For dedicated liver indication, axial coverage can be from lung bases to below liver. Does not need to cover below kidneys
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-41	5	1	
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	5	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	8	2	Only send B50 and 1000
ADC		~30-40	8	2	
Ax Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax Post Dyn (20 sec, 1 min 3 min)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Cor Post 5 min		~30-40	4	2	
Ax Post 10 min		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax T1 Lava 20 min (Eovist only)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Pancreas with MRCP					
Ax Fiesta/ True FISP		~30-40	3	1	* Use Gadavist and have Body Radiologist review last set of images to determine if delayed images need to take place, if no bile leak identified.
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	4	2	Pancreatic protocol must include MRCP in order
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-41	5	1	FU IPMN, pancreatic cyst, chronic pancreatitis, pancreatic mass.
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	For dedicated pancreas indication, axial coverage can be from bottom of heart/left hemidiaphragm to below C-loop of duodenum. Plan from coronal localizer. Coronal images must cover pancreas from front to back using axial images for planning. Do not need to cover skin to skin on coronal. Smallest FOV as possible.
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	4	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	7	1	Only send B50 and 1000
2D MRCP		~30-40	40	0	3 Oblique views. See planning images
Cor 3D MRCP		~30-40	1.4	0.7	Focus on pancreatic duct
3D MIP		~30-40			Single thick slab from 3D images
ADC		~30-40	7	1	
Ax Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	3	1	
Ax Post Dynamic (45 sec, 80 sec, 3 min)		~30-40	4	1.5	
Cor Post 5 min		~30-40	4	2	
Ax Post 10 min		~30-40	3	1	
Renal					
Ax Fiesta/ True FISP		~30-40	4	1	For dedicated renal indication (usually renal mass), axials must cover from above adrenal glands to below kidneys. Plan from
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	6	1.5	localizer. Does not need to cover entire abdomen. Coronal images must cover both kidneys from front to back using axial
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-41	5	1	images for planning. Do not need to cover skin to skin.
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	4	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	7	1	Only send B50 and 1000
ADC		~30-40	7	1	
Ax Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	3	1	
Cor Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	3	1	
Ax Post Dyn (20 sec, 60 sec, 90 sec)		~30-40	3	1	
Cor Post 3 min		~30-40	3	1	
Ax Post (acquired after Cor Post 3 min)		~30-40	3	1	
Post process subtraction					Cor post minus pre; Ax post minus pre
Liver with MRCP					
Ax Fiesta/True FISP		~30-40	5	1	* Use Eovist and have Body Radiologist review last set of images to determine if delayed images need to take place, if no bile leak identified.
Ax 3D Dual Echo		~30-40	5	2.5	Any MRCP study without a pancreas specific indication (otherwise use Pancreas with MRCP protocol). Must cover entire liver
Ax T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	5	1	axial and coronal. Does not need to include entire kidney on axial unless needed to cover liver. Does not need skin to skin coverage
Cor T2 SSFSE/HASTE		~30-40	4	1	on coronal.
Ax T2 FS Propeller/T2 Haste FS		~30-40	5	1	
Ax DWI (50/1000)		~30-40	8	2	Only send B50 and 1000
ADC		~30-40	7	1	
2D MRCP		~30-40	40	0	3 Oblique views.
Cor 3D MRCP		~30-40	1.4	0.7	Single thick slab from 3D images
3D MIP		~30-40			
Ax Pre (Lava or sim)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax Post Dyn (20 sec, 1 min 3 min)		~30-40	5	2.5	
Cor Post 5 min		~30-40	4	2	
Ax Post 10 min		~30-40	5	2.5	
Ax T1 Lava 20 min (Eovist only)		~30-40	5	2.5	

ADNEXAL MASS or ENDOMETRIOSIS or R/O OVARIAN TORSION (female gynecologic emergencies)					
		Best done without and WITH IV CONTRAST			
Patient Prep:					Empty bladder 20 min to 1 hour (1 hour best if time permits however for torsion r/o may use shorter (any) times) before examination (so bladder is part full).
Technical note:					Air in rectum may interfere with exam. If full of air have patient empty.
Technical note:					use ANTERIOR SAT BAND when possible for imaging below if phase AP; use phase AP in most situations; if artifacts might need to swap phase direction
Technical note:					Vaginal Gel or KY Jelly is NOT needed for this exam
Technical note:					Use Ax, Cor and Sag imaging to the body (not cervix or endometrium)
LOC: (1-3 planes)	1	40 cm	any		* IV contrast recommended, if ordered without contrast , then to all scans above (including scan 9 without contrast, but no dynamic contrast scans)
Cor (to body) T2 (>3000/90 to 102 ms)	2	40 to 50 cm	8 (6 to 10) mm	2 mm	Large FOV to include entire pelvis and all of the kidneys matrix =256 x 192 to 256; use fast FSE like RESTORE, FRFSE, DRIVE, DE FSE
SAG (to body) Small FOV no Fat Sat T2 (>3000/90 to 102 ms)	3	FOV to view bone to bone in pelvis (view both ovaries and Uterus)	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm
COR (to body) Small FOV no Fat Sat T2 (>3000/90 to 102 ms)	4	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	from inside of one hip to the other (small FOV); ETL = 17 (13 to 21); NEX = 2 Matrix at least 256 x 256
AX (to body) Small FOV no Fat Sat (>3000/90 to 102 ms)	5	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	b= 50, 1000
AX DW1 (same as immediately above)	6	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	
Create ADC from data above					
AX (to body)(NO Fat Sat dual echo GRE T1)	7	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm		These are very important (both T1 without Fat Sat then with Fat Sat) if looking for endometriosis/ adnexal mass, repeat if degraded by motion or other)
same as scan above 7 GRE T1 with FAT SAT AX (to body)	8	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm		
SAG (to body) pre then post contrast DCE +C Fat Sat GRE T1	9	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm	make subtractions	Nex =1 at 0 (pre contrast) then 25, 60, 100, 140, 180 seconds (and make subtraction of each of these from non contrasted exam)
make subtractions of ALL post contrast - pre contrast	9 (make subtractions)				Sag images are pelvic bone to pelvic bone
same as scan 8 but post contrast AX (to body) +C (Fat Sat, 3D GRE T1)	10	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm		go to bathroom for urethra diverticulum
Bladder Mass					
Patient Prep:					Empty bladder about 2 hours before examination (so bladder is moderately full).
Technical note:					Air in rectum may interfere with exam. If full of air have patient empty.
LOC: T2W SSFSE or Haste COR		40 cm	any		use ANTERIOR SAT BAND when possible for imaging below; if artifacts might need to swap phase direction
Large FOV Axial (to body) T2 (4000/90 ms)*		34 (30 to 40 cm)	6 mm	1 mm	
Large FOV Cor (to body) T2 (4000/90)*		40 to 50 cm	8 mm	2 mm	*Large FOV to include entire pelvis (bone to bone) and at least most of the kidneys
SAG T2 (4000/90 ms)		FOV to view bone to bone in pelvis (view both ovaries and Uterus)	28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm
COR T2 (4000/90 ms)		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	**from inside of one hip to the other (small FOV); ETL = 17 (13 to 21); NEX = 2 Matrix at least 256 x 256
AX T2 (4000/90 ms)		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	
AX DW1 (same as immediately above)		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 to 4 mm	0.3 to 0.4 mm	Diffusion b= 50, 1000
Create ADC from data above		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)			
AX DCE (NO Fat Sat 3D GRE T1*)		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm		Nex =2 at 0 (pre contrast)
AX DCE (Fat Sat, 3D GRE T1*)		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm	make subtractions	Nex =1 at 0 (pre contrast) then 30,60, 90, 120, 150 seconds (and make subtraction of each of these)
SAG +C Fat Sat GRE T1		28 cm (20 to 44 cm)	3 (2 to 4) mm		Nex = 2
COR +C delayed (Fat Sat, 3D GRE T1*)		40 cm (30 to 50 cm)	8 mm	2 mm	From mid kidneys through upper thigh (include all pelvis and lower Abd)
* IV contrast recommended, if ordered without contrast then do scans above without contrast (do Ax no Fat Sat, Ax Fat Sat, Sag T1)					Use Ax, Cor and Sag imaging to the body (not cervix or endometrium)
Penis (Fracture)					
Cor STIR Global		30	5	1	Tape penis to abdomen if needed
Ax T1 Lava Global		30	4	2	
Sag T2 Propeller		24	3	0.4	
Sag T1		24	3	0.4	
Cor T2 Propeller		22	3	0.1	
Cor T1		22	3	0.1	
Ax T2 Propeller		17	3	0.2	
Ax T1		17	3	0.2	
Penis (Peyronie's Disease)					
Cor STIR Global		40	5	1	Tape penis to abdomen if needed
Ax T1 Lava Global		40	4	2	
Sag T2 FS Propeller		24	3	0.4	
Sag T1 FS		24	3	0.4	
Cor T2 Propeller		22	3	0.1	
Cor T2 FS Propeller		22	3	0.1	
Cor T1 FS		22	3	0.1	Rev 7-11-19
Ax T2 Propeller		17	3	0.2	
Ax T2 FS Propeller		17	3	0.2	Include IMA
Ax T1 FS		17	3	0.2	
Ax T1 FS +C		17	3	0.2	
Cor T1 FS +C		22	3	0.1	
Sag T1 FS +C		24	3	0.4	
Rectal Cancer (1.5 T)					
Technical note:					* Preferred prep: Microenema administered by the patient in the department, immediately before the scan. * If microenema is not available in the department, full prep may be utilized which requires the patient to plan to purchase and perform the prep at home. * Prep: Nothing to eat or drink 12 hours prior, 1 bisacodyl suppository (Dulcolax) 10 hours prior to study, void just before exam * Special Instructions: No Caffeine the morning of the exam
Ax T2 FRFSE Global		~30	5	0	320x320
Ax Diff Global (50/800)		~30	5	1	
Sag T2 FRFSE		24	4	0	320x224 (Do axials PERPENDICULAR to mass. VERY IMPORTANT** See images)
Cor T2 FRFSE		24	3	0	320x224
Ax OBL T2 FRFSE		24	3	0	320x224 (See Images Below)
Cor OBL T2		24	3	0	The second image shows how sometimes multiple axial planes must be used to get it perpendicular. * No laxative is needed for diverted patients
Rectal Cancer (3.0 T)					

Urogram					
Saline Bolus 100 ml					
Cor SSFSE		~30-40	6 mm	7 mm	
Axial SSFSE		~30-40	6 mm	7 mm	
Axial DE		~30-40	5 mm	2.5 mm	
Axial LAVA		~30-40	3 mm	1.5 mm	
Axial T2		~30-40	6 mm	7 mm	
Axial DWI		~30-40	8 mm	10 mm	
Give Lasix 1 mg		~30-40			
2D Cor Oblique (MRCP)		~30-40	60 mm	60 mm	
3D Cor Oblique (MRCP)		~30-40	2 mm	2 mm	
Cor LAVA - Dynamic 5 min. & 10 min.		~30-40	3 mm	1.5 mm	
Axial LAVA 12 minute		~30-40	3 mm	1.5 mm	
Cor Fiesta		~30-40	6 mm	7 mm	
Axial Fiesta		~30-40	6 mm	7 mm	
Cor LAVA - 15 min.		~30-40	6 mm	7mm	