

## MRI Cervical Spine With / Without Contrast Guideline (22)

**CPT Code:** 72156

**Indications:** Tumor, MS, Metastasis, myelitis workup, Syrinx, epidural abcess

**Contrast:** Yes (see [MRG MRI Contrast Administration Policy](#))

### Noncontrast:

Sequence	Plane	Slice Thickness	Gap	FOV	Notes
<b>T1 FLAIR</b>	Sagittal	3mm	0.6mm	190	
<b>T2</b>	Sagittal	3mm	0.6mm	190	Blade
<b>T2 Medic</b>	Axial	3mm	0.6mm	140	
<b>T2 Medic</b>	MSMA	3mm	0.6mm	140	
<b>STIR</b>	Sagittal	3mm	0.6mm	190	

### Contrast:

Sequence	Plane	Slice Thickness	Gap	FOV	Notes
<b>T1</b>	Sagittal	3mm	0.6mm	190	Fat Sat
<b>T1</b>	Axial	3mm	0.6mm	140	Fat Sat