

MRI Spinal Cord Survey Guideline (48C)

CPT Code: 72156, 72157

Indications: MS, Cord Abnormalities, Syringx

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

*Localize Entire Spine

Non Contrast:

Sequence	Plane	Slice Thickness	Gap	FOV	Notes
T2	Sagittal	3mm	.8mm	210	Cervical
T1	Sagittal	3mm	.8mm	210	Cervical
STIR	Sagittal	3mm	.8mm	210	Cervical
T2	Axial	3mm	.9mm	140	Cervical
T1	Sagittal	3mm	.9mm	340	Thoracic to include end of cord
T2	Sagittal	3mm	.9mm	340	Thoracic to include end of cord
STIR	Sagittal	3mm	.9mm	340	Thoracic to include end of cord
T2	Axial	4mm	2mm	180	Thoracic to include end of cord

Contrast:

Sequence	Plane	Slice Thickness	Gap	FOV	Notes
T1 Dixon	Sagittal	3mm	.8mm	210	Cervical, Fat Sat
T1	Axial	3mm	.9mm	140	Cervical, Fat Sat
T1	Sagittal	3mm	.9mm	340	Thoracic to include end of cord, Fat Sat
T1	Axial	4mm	2mm	180	Thoracic to include end of cord, Fat Sat