

MRI Spine Screen Adult Routine Guideline (45NC)

CPT Code: 72141, 72146, 72148

Indications: Pain, HNP, spinal stenosis

Contrast: No

*Localize Entire Spine

Sequence	Plane	Slice Thickness	Gap	FOV	Notes
T2	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Entire Cervical, upper/mid Thoracic
T1	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Entire Cervical, upper/mid Thoracic
STIR	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Entire Cervical, upper/mid Thoracic
T2	Axial	3mm	1mm	140	Entire Cervical, upper/mid Thoracic
T2	Axial	4mm	1.5mm	200	Upper Thoracic
T2	Axial	4mm	1.5mm	200	Lower Thoracic
T2	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Lower Thoracic, Entire Lumbar
T2	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Lower Thoracic, Entire Lumbar
STIR	Sagittal	3mm	1mm	320	Lower Thoracic, Entire Lumbar
T2	Axial	3mm	1mm	140	Lumbar