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## **MRI Arthrogram Guideline: Comparison images**

The purpose of this guideline is to ensure that prior images are available for comparison when performing an MRI Arthrogram.

### **Scope**

The guideline applies to MRI Arthrograms to be performed by MRG Physicians.

### **Guideline**

Comparison images are to be available for the Radiologist at the time of the scheduled MRI Arthrogram. This comparison must within the following parameters:

- **Within 2 years prior to arthrogram**

**OR**

- **After most recent surgical procedure**  
(e.g. if patient had surgery on area of interest one year ago, comparison images are to be after the date of surgery)

If prior imaging is unavailable, a scout may be used as comparison image but is to be utilized for rare occasions in which efforts have been made to obtain prior images and were unable to obtain. The process is to be documented for the Radiologist performing the arthrogram.