

MRI BRACHIAL PLEXUS WITHOUT & WITH GAD (UNILATERAL)

Scan Range				Sufficient to cover brachial plexus from the contralateral spinous process of C- spine down to level of Sternoclavicular joint.				
FOV				Fits to patient, FOV large enough to cover whole brachial plexus unilateral.				
Patient Position				Supine, head first, NV coil				
Localizer				3 plane scout				
Breathing				Instruct patient to avoid swallowing during sequence acquistion.				
PLANE	SEQUENCE	FAT SAT		MODE	SLT/SP	FOV	NOTES	
Sagittal	T1	Ν		TSE	3 / 1	160 -180 mm	Contralateral C-spine vertebral process to humerus	
Sagittal	T2 Mid TE FAT SAT	Yes, SPAIR		TSE	3 / 1		Contralateral C-spine vertebral process to humerus	
Axial	T1	Y		TSE	3 / 1			
Axial	T2 Mid TE FAT SAT	Yes, SPAIR		TSE	3 / 1			
Coronal	T1	Ν		TSE	3 / 1		Anterior chest to back of neck. Angle to line up the acromion with C3.	
Coronal	3D STIR	Y STIR		TSE	1.25/ 0		Anterior chest to back of neck.	
INJECT CONTRAST								
AXIAL + C	T1 FAT SAT	SPIR		TSE	3 / 1			
Coronal + C	T1 FAT SAT	SPIR		TSE	3 / 1		Anterior chest to back of neck	

Any deviation from protocol MUST be Radiologist approved. Rad Director will be notified if this occurs without prior approval.