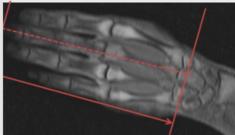


MRI HAND WITHOUT CONTRAST

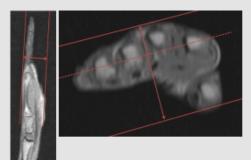
Scan Range				Variable according to area of interest/ body part.	
FOV				Fits to patient/ body part.	
Position				PRONE and patient in Superman position if possible	
Localizer				3 plane scout localizer	
PLANE	SEQUENCE	FAT SAT	FOV		NOTES
Axial	T1		12 - 16 cm		angle parallel to long axis of wrist from cor loc
Axial	T2		12 - 16 cm		angle parallel to long axis of wrist from cor loc
Axial	STIR		12 - 16 cm		perpendicular to axials
Sagittal	PD	Y	12 - 16 cm		angle parallel to radius/lunate/capitate alignment
Coronal	T1		12 - 16 cm		angle parallel to radius/lunate/capitate alignment
Coronal	PD	Y	12 - 16 cm		angle parallel to radius/lunate/capitate alignment

Image Plane Precriptions:



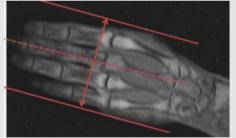
Axial imaging

- Use COR LOC and angle perpendicular to 3rd Digit
 - Cover from tip of finger to CMC joints



Coronal imaging

- Use Axial LOC and angle parallel to the 2nd-5th MCP joints, and try to cover through the majority of the thumb
- Use Sagittal LOC and angle parallel to 3rd digit and 3rd metacarpal



Sagittal imaging

- Perpendicular to Coronal and Axial Sequences
 Cover through all of the digits if the patient has non-localizable pain or if they are looking
- has non-localizable pain or if they are looking for a generalized arthritis (USE THICKER SLICES)
- If a digit is symptomatic, then cover through that digit and an adjacent digit (USE THINNER SLICES)

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