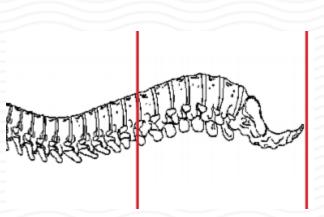
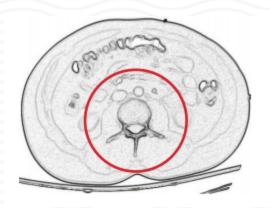
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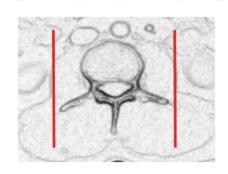


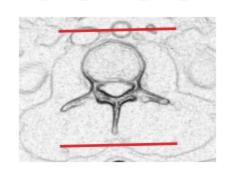
CT LUMBAR SPINE WITH IV CONTRAST



Indications	CT L spine with contrast has limited applications primarily for patients where MRI is contraindicated or prior hardware placement. All other indications should be discussed with Radiologist and/or ordering physician as to why MRI would not be more optimal exam for evaluation of malignancy, infection, or disc disease.
Patient position	Supine
Contrast	IV = 100 mL
Injection rate	1.0 mL/sec with 90 sec delay
Respiration	Quiet breathing
Scan parameters	T 11 /12 through coccyx. Use small SFOV







PLANE	ALGORITHM	THICKNESS	DFOV	
Axial + C	Bone	3.0 mm	approx 180 mm	
Axial + C	Soft tissue	3.0 mm		
Coronal & Sagittal + C	Bone	3.0 mm		Reform

NOTES:

- · LMP on pts of child-bearing age
- · Shield children when possible
- Follow GFR and metformin protocol for contrast studies