

MRA Chest, Abdomen & Pelvis

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NOTE: THESE WILL BE FORMALLY MODIFIED SOON

MR Angiography

- 1. SVC Occlusion
- 2. Renal Artery
- 3. Thoracic Aorta
- 4. Abdominal Aorta
- 5. Thoracic & Abdominal Aorta
- 6. Pelvic Arteries & Veins
- 7. Pulmonary
- 8. Aorta & Runoff

*Check with radiologist before using below protocols

1. SVC Occlusion – MRA chest without and with (optional)

Superior Extent: Jaw

Inferior Extent: through the heart

IV contrast: Optional (YES If GFR >60; GFR 30-60 check with Radiologist)

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial 2D Time of Flight for SVC (blood flow will be in the superior to inferior direction); start from base of neck through heart
- 3. Axial Balanced GRE T2 (aka TrueFISP)
- 4. Coronal Balanced GRE T2 (Aka TrueFISP)
- 5. Axial T1 in phase out of phase
- 6. Axial HASTE (aka Single Shot Fast Spin Echo)
- Sagittal Time of Flight 2D (check with Rad as to which side R vs. L to do this on; depends on where the tumor is and whether the R or L subclavian vein is involved)



 Axial 3D GRE T1 Fat Sat pre and postcontrast images - inject at 3 cc/sec; pre, 20 sec, 1 min, 3 min (NOTE times are from start of injection)

2. Renal Artery – MRA abdomen with and without contrast (can be without only)

Superior Extent: Diaphragm Inferior Extent: Femoral Arteries

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- 3. Axial SSFP
- 4. Axial STIR or good quality fat suppressed T2
- 5. Sagittal T1
- 6. Dynamic coronal 3D MRA exclude this sequence if done without only
- 7. Axial 3D phase contrast

3. Thoracic Aorta – MRA chest without and with contrast

Superior Extent: Lung Apices

Inferior Extent: Kidneys

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- 3. Axial SSFP
- 4. Axial Respiratory Triggered T1
- 5. Axial STIR or good quality fat suppressed T2
- 6. Dynamic coronal 3D MRA
- 7. Axial 2D TOF

4. Abdominal Aorta - MRA abdomen without and with contrast



Superior Extent: Diaphragm Inferior Extent: Femoral Arteries

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- 3. Axial SSFP
- 4. Axial Respiratory Triggered T1
- 5. Axial STIR or good quality fat suppressed T2
- 6. Dynamic coronal 3D MRA
- 7. Axial 2D TOF

5. <u>Thoracic and Abdominal Aorta – MRA Chest + MRA Abdomen</u> without and with contrast

Superior Extent: Top of Aortic Arch Inferior Extent: Femoral Arteries

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- Axial SSFP
- 4. Axial Respiratory Triggered T1
- 5. Axial STIR or good quality fat suppressed T2
- 6. Dynamic oblique sagittal 3D MRA
- 7. Axial 2D TOF

6. <u>Pelvic Arteries and Veins – MRA/MRV pelvis without and with contrast</u>

Superior Extent: Diaphragm Inferior Extent: Femoral Arteries

IV contrast: yes Sequences:



- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- 3. Axial SSFP
- 4. Axial STIR or good quality fat suppressed T2
- 5. Axial 2D TOF MR Venogram
- 6. Dynamic coronal 3D MRA
- 7. Axial and Coronal post contrast 3D fat suppressed GRE

7. Pulmonary - MRA chest without and with contrast

Superior Extent: Thoracic inlet Inferior Extent: Diaphragm

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. 3 plane localizer
- 2. Axial TOF scout
- 3. Axial SSFP
- 4. Dynamic coronal 3D MRA

8. Aorta and Runoff – MRA abdomen + pelvis without and with contrast

Superior Extent: Diaphragm Inferior Extent: Pedal Arteries

IV contrast: YES

Sequences:

- 1. Multi-station axial TOF scout
- 2. 3 station timing bolus
- 3. High resolution TOF of the calves
- 4. 3 station moving table dynamic 3D contrast-enhanced MRA