

UW Health Radiology Guidelines for MRI in Patients with Common Complex Devices: Available Hours, Personnel Required & Other Considerations.

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This summary is meant to serve as a general guideline to insure safety for patients with complex devices being referred for MRI. Guidelines may change over time; published data and manufacturer's labeling should be consulted. If a referral is made after hours or on the weekend, exceptions will be considered only when appropriate personnel are available, the information cannot be obtained another way, and medical necessity requires urgent MRI.

MR Conditional CIEDs (Pacemakers, ICDs, CRT-Ds)

- MRI available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm; University Hospital Only.
- 1.5T Only; UWMR3/4 Only for Cardiac MRI. (3T possible if device is labeled appropriately.)
- Personnel Required: Cardiac Device Clinic Nurse (Programming); MRI Nurse (Monitoring); MR Physicist recommended (Cardiac/Thoracic/Shoulder studies only).
- Cardiac/Thoracic MRI: Use Cardiac Pacemaker/ICD Protocol.

Conventional/Legacy CIEDs (Pacemakers, ICDs, CRT-Ds) – BY UW MRI SAFETY COMMITTEE APPROVED GUIDELINES

- MRI available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm; University Hospital Only.
- Patient consented and consent form to be signed by EP Attending/Fellow/APP -AND- Radiology Attending/Fellow.
- 1.5T Only; UWMR3/4 Only for Cardiac MRI.
- Personnel Required: Cardiac Device Clinic Nurse (Programming and Monitoring); EP Physician Attending/Fellow, APP (Consent, and monitoring if required); Radiology Staff/Fellow (Consent); MR Physicist (Beginning of scan).
- Cardiac/Thoracic MRI: Use Cardiac Pacemaker Protocol.

Deep Brain Stimulator (DBS) – Head-Only Devices (Medtronic)

- MRI available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm; other hours (e.g. ER) if patient can manage device on their own.
- Use Low SAR Protocol OR Low SAR Mode on UWMR3/4 (Head SAR = 1.0 W/kg).
- Transmit/Receive Head Coil Only.
- Use DBS Worksheet for complete workflow.

Deep Brain Stimulator (DBS) – Full-Body Eligible Devices (Medtronic)

- MRI available Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm; other hours upon personnel availability.
- Neuro Device Clinic needs to program and check device before and after scan.
- MRI Physicist also preferred, if done during business hours.
- Any RF Coil at UW is allowed, even for head scans.
- Low SAR Mode, $B_{1+RMS} = 2.0uT$.
- Device labeled for 30 min scan max; radiologist needs to approve longer scans..
- Use DBS Worksheet for complete workflow.

Livanova (Cyberonics) Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS) – Local Transmit/Receive Only (Group B) Devices

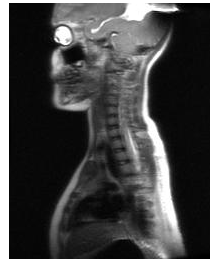
- MRI preferred Monday-Friday, 8am-5am; other hours as needed.
- Neurology NP or Neurologist needed to program device.
- Transmit/Receive Head Coil (or T/R extremity coil) required.
- MR scan excluded if T/R head cannot be used (Body Coil Transmit, e.g. spine, body, etc.)

Livanova (Cyberonics) Vagal Nerve Stimulator (VNS) – No Special Equipment/Coils (Group A) Devices

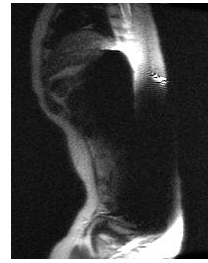
- MRI preferred Monday-Friday, 8am-5am; other hours as needed.
- Neurology NP or Neurologist needed to program device.
- Transmit/Receive Head Coil (or T/R extremity coil) required.
- Device labeled for 15 min scan per 30 minutes of table time (dead time may include time between scans).
- MR scan excluded if center of FOV is inside C7-T3; a limited scan may be possible with MR Physicist assistance.

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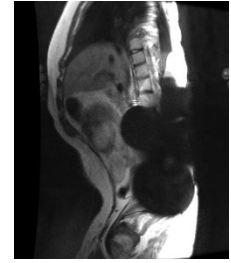
- 1.5T Only; Quick Brain Scans OK 24/7. (“Very Low SAR Quick Brain” protocol on UWMR3/4.)
- Other exams (including spines) are Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm: requires MR Physicist.
- Be aware of significant unrecoverable artifact surrounding the magnets in the device:



3pl Loc-Top



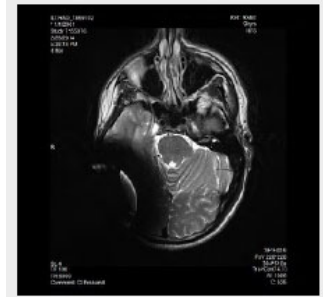
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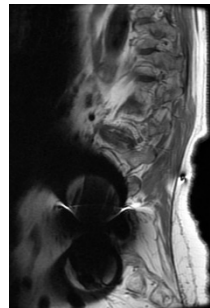
Cochlear Implants

- Some older cochlear implants are MR Unsafe. Newer cochlear implants are most often MR Conditional for 1.0 W/kg at 1.5T (Low SAR Mode).
- Prefer 1.5T, due to length of exams in Low SAR Mode; and for head scans, slightly smaller artifact.
- Image artifacts from implanted magnet can obscure neuroanatomy.
- Rarely, the magnet is easily removable.
- Most often, magnet removal requires surgical procedure.

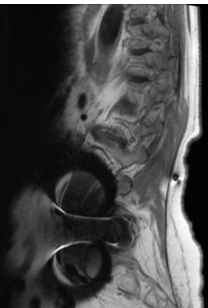


Nevro Senza Spinal Cord Stimulator

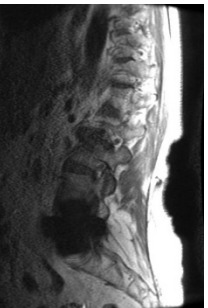
- MRI available Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Univ Hospital Only.
- 1.5T Highly Preferred. (3T has severe limitations.)
- Required Nevro Rep (device programming) **-AND-** MRI Physicist (Low SAR settings).
- Low SAR mode; SAR set based on device instructions.
- SAR limit of 0.4 W/kg for torso/spine scans, cannot be set on GE systems; use 0.5 W/kg instead for WB-SAR.
- Significant artifact around device.



Sag T1 FSE



Sag PD FSE



Sag Mavric

Codman ICP

- 1.5T or 3T; SAR Normal Mode; *NO* T/R Head Coil; Body Coil Transmit ONLY (8ch head coil, GEM HNU, Spine coil, etc).
- Neurosurgery must document that device lead is coiled per manufacturer guidelines.

Raumedic ICP Devices (both with lead and leadless/telemetric)

- MR Conditions are not yet FDA approved; imaging can only be performed Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm; Univ. Hospital Only.
- For device with leads, must be coiled similar to Codman ICP monitor.
- MRI Physicist currently required.

General Low SAR Devices (not listed above).

- Notify MR Physicist if exam performed Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm, due to possible issues with GE's Low SAR mode.
- DV/Premier scanners only (e.g. UWMR3-6, AFCHMR1).
- 1.5T is often preferred; as scan/exam times can greatly increase using Low SAR mode at 3T.
- Can be performed after hours, if technologist is comfortable scanning.