

Open Ended Questions

Abdomen and Pelvic MRI

1. After a prostate biopsy, when is it appropriate to perform a prostate MRI, and why is this timing important?
2. What are the key protocol adjustments and patient preparation steps for an optimal MR urography, particularly in patients with renal function impairment or during pregnancy?
3. What should be the maximum slice thickness for pelvic MRI?
4. What are the key considerations for patient preparation and positioning when performing an abdominal MRI to ensure optimal image quality and minimize motion artifacts?
5. Which specific imaging sequences are essential in a multiparametric prostate MRI, and what role does each sequence play in prostate cancer evaluation?
6. When performing an adrenal MRI for the characterization of adrenal masses, what are the key sequences and protocol adjustments that should be included, and how do they aid in differentiating benign from malignant lesions?
7. What techniques can be employed during T2-weighted imaging to manage patient breathing and reduce respiratory motion artifacts, especially in sequences where long scan times are involved?
8. What specific imaging sequences and contrast phases are recommended for dynamic liver MRI, and how do they contribute to the characterization of liver lesions?
9. What are the key protocol adjustments and patient preparation steps necessary for optimal MR enterography, and how do these contribute to the evaluation of small bowel diseases?
10. How can metal artifacts be minimized in pelvic MRI?

11. Which sequences are preferred for imaging pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)?
12. Which sequence are preferred to differentiate the bladder wall and other structures?
13. What are the key sequences and imaging techniques required in renal MRI for the evaluation of cystic and solid renal masses, and how do these help in differentiating benign from malignant lesions?
14. When performing MR cholangiopancreatography (MRCP), what are the key technical considerations for optimal imaging of the bile and pancreatic ducts, and when is the use of hepatobiliary contrast agents indicated?
15. Which sequences are most appropriate for evaluating endometriosis in pelvic MRI?

Brain MRI

16. What specific preparation and positioning are required for a patient undergoing a brain MRI, and how should the imaging field and slice thickness be adjusted?
17. Which sequence is preferred for evaluating the pituitary gland microadenomas?
18. How is susceptibility artifact minimized in brain MRI?
19. How is multiple sclerosis (MS) evaluated using brain MRI, and what specific sequences and timing considerations are important for detecting active lesions?
20. How is the artifact from dental fillings minimized in brain MRI?

21. What imaging protocol should be used for the evaluation of epilepsy in brain MRI, and why are specific sequences required?
22. What is the optimal patient positioning for brain MRI?
23. What additional MRI sequences should be included in postoperative follow-up for patients who have undergone pituitary surgery, and why are these sequences important?
24. Which MRI sequence is the best for detecting acute ischemic stroke?
25. How is the hippocampus best visualized in brain MRI?
26. What is the purpose of using gradient-echo (GRE) sequences in brain MRI?
27. Which MRI sequences are most useful in the evaluation of neurodegenerative diseases, and how do they contribute to the diagnosis and differentiation between different types of neurodegenerative conditions?
28. Which sequence is optimal for evaluating the cranial nerves?
29. What is the ideal matrix size for brain MRI?
30. How is the acquisition area defined for brain MRI?

Cardiothoracic MRI

31. What is the importance of using cardiac gating in thoracic MRI?
32. How is the artifact from cardiac motion reduced in cardiac MRI?
33. How is late gadolinium enhancement (LGE) imaging performed in cardiac MRI, and what is its diagnostic significance in cardiomyopathies?
34. How can ghosting artifacts be reduced in cardiac MRI?
35. What are the benefits of using STIR and BLADE sequences in thoracic MRI, and in what clinical scenarios are these sequences particularly useful?
36. Which specific MRI sequences are used in cardiac imaging to assess myocardial function, and what are their roles in cardiac evaluation?
37. What are the specific considerations and adaptations needed when performing thoracic MRI in pediatric patients or patients who cannot hold their breath?
38. What is the role of T1 and T2 mapping in cardiac MRI, and how do these techniques aid in myocardial tissue characterization?
39. What are the key technical considerations for phase-contrast flow studies in cardiac MRI, and how are these studies used to quantify blood flow?
40. What are the main clinical indications for performing thoracic MRI, and how does it assist in the diagnosis and management of thoracic conditions?
41. What is the role of SSFP sequences in cardiac MRI?
42. How is delayed enhancement imaging used in cardiac MRI?

- 43. Which MRI technique is preferred for visualizing pericardial effusion?
- 44. How is iron overload in the heart assessed using cardiac MRI, and what specific sequences are employed for this evaluation?
- 45. What role does cardiac MRI play in the evaluation of hypertrophic cardiomyopathy (HCM), and what specific imaging findings are important in this condition?

Spinal MRI

- 46. Why is T2-weighted imaging important in the assessment of spinal cord lesions?
- 47. How is aliasing artifact prevented in spinal MRI?
- 48. In spinal MRI for scoliosis, which imaging plane and sequence is recommended include in addition to routine sagittal and axial planes, and how do these images assist in assessing the curvature?
- 49. How is flow compensation used in spinal MRI?
- 50. What are the recommended MRI protocols for spinal trauma, and which additional sequences might be necessary for upper cervical spine injuries?
- 51. Which sequences are most appropriate for evaluating spinal disc herniation?
- 52. In the evaluation of spinal infections, which specific MRI sequences should be included, and how do these sequences assist in diagnosis?
- 53. What is the role of T1-weighted imaging in spinal fracture evaluation?

- 54. In cases of multiple sclerosis (MS), what specific MRI sequences are critical for evaluating spinal cord lesions, and why is post-contrast imaging important in these patients?
- 55. Which imaging plane is most useful for evaluating foraminal stenosis in spinal MRI?
- 56. What techniques are used to reduce motion artifacts in lumbar spine MRI?
- 57. Why are T1-weighted post-contrast images important for differentiating between scar tissue and recurrent disc herniation in post-surgical spinal patients?
- 58. Why is it recommended to use T2*-weighted sequences in the cervical spine, and in which conditions is this particularly important?
- 59. What is the recommended region of interest (ROI) for lumbar spine MRI?
- 60. How should MRI protocols be adjusted for postoperative patients with suspected recurrent disc herniation, and what is the role of contrast-enhanced imaging in these cases?

Head and Neck MRI

- 61. In what scenarios is MRI preferred over CT for head and neck imaging, and what specific conditions would warrant the use of MRI as the imaging modality of choice?
- 62. What specific positioning and immobilization techniques are recommended for optimal patient comfort and image quality in head and neck MRI?
- 63. What is the role of diffusion-weighted imaging (DWI) in the evaluation of head and neck masses, and how should the b-value be set for optimal imaging?
- 64. When is it necessary to use dynamic contrast-enhanced MRI in head and neck imaging, and what is the typical dose and timing for administering the contrast agent?

65. What precautions should be taken to minimize motion artifacts caused by swallowing and arterial pulsation during head and neck MRI, and how can these artifacts be mitigated?
66. What are the primary clinical indications for performing an MRI of the temporal bone, and how do these differ from secondary indications?
67. In which cases would diffusion-weighted imaging (DWI) be particularly useful in temporal bone MRI, and what sequence parameters are recommended for this type of evaluation?
- Answer: Diffusion-weighted imaging (DWI) is particularly useful in cases of suspected cholesteatoma or infection within the temporal bone. It helps differentiate between cholesteatoma and other soft tissue masses. Non-EPI DWI with thin slices (2 mm) and b-values of 0, 800, and 1000 s/mm² is recommended to achieve optimal visualization and differentiation of these lesions.
68. What is the recommended field of view (FOV) and slice thickness for MRI imaging of the temporal bone to ensure detailed visualization of structures like the cochlea and vestibular system?
69. When evaluating for a potential vascular pathology, such as dural arteriovenous fistula (AVF), why is a dynamic MRI protocol, such as TWIST or MPRAGE, recommended over static post-contrast imaging?
70. What is the preferred imaging plane and FOV for visualizing the infrahyoid region during a head and neck MRI?
71. What is the typical patient position during an MRI of the head and neck?
72. What are the critical factors to ensure optimal image quality in an orbital MRI, and how do parameters like FOV, section thickness, and matrix size influence the result?
73. In what situations is contrast media indicated during orbital MRI, and how does its use enhance diagnostic accuracy?
74. In patients with suspected orbital varices or vascular malformations, Is there an additional acquisition plan, specific technique or patient positioning that may contribute to the diagnosis in addition to the routine protocol during orbital MRI acquisition?
75. Which specific imaging planes are recommended for evaluating the optic nerve and why are sagittal oblique slices particularly useful in orbital MRI?

Musculoskeletal MRI

76. Which MRI sequence is most sensitive for detecting cartilage abnormalities in joints?

Answer: Fat-saturated 3D SPGR (3D gradient echo sequences) are highly sensitive for detecting cartilage abnormalities.

77. What role does the ABER (Abduction External Rotation) position play in shoulder MRI, and which specific pathologies does it help to identify?

78. Which MRI sequence is most useful for identifying meniscal tears?

79. W In elbow MRI, which sequence is best suited for evaluating soft tissue pathologies such as tendon injuries or ligament tears?

80. What are the benefits of using an axial T1-weighted sequence in elbow MRI, and what structures are best visualized in this plane?

81. Which sequence is the best for visualizing bone marrow edema in musculoskeletal MRI?

82. Which sequences are used to evaluate osteomyelitis in musculoskeletal MRI?

83. What is the optimal acquisition plane for sacroiliac joint MRI?

84. What is the clinical significance of using a coronal STIR sequence in wrist MRI, and when should it be included in the protocol?

85. Which imaging plane is optimal for evaluating the acetabular labrum in hip MRI?

86. For suspected triangular fibrocartilage complex (TFCC) tears in the wrist, which MRI sequence provides the best diagnostic accuracy, and why?

87. In post-operative soft tissue imaging, which sequence is critical for distinguishing between recurrent tumor and post-surgical fibrosis, and what are the key imaging differences?

- 88. Which MRI sequence is most useful for identifying early-stage rheumatoid arthritis in the wrist, and what characteristic findings are typically observed?
- 89. When assessing plantar fasciitis, which MRI sequence provides the most diagnostic information, and what are the expected imaging findings?
- 90. For detecting a Morton's neuroma, which MRI sequence is most effective, and what features differentiate it from other foot masses?

BREAST MRI

- 91. Explain the impact of hormonal factors on breast MRI, particularly in premenopausal women, and how these factors influence the timing of the exam.
- 92. What is the recommended slice thickness for breast MRI to ensure optimal spatial resolution?
- 93. In high-risk patients, what genetic mutations are standard indications for breast MRI screening?
- 94. Why should MRI scans be performed after neoadjuvant chemotherapy in breast cancer patients?
- 95. How does the use of dynamic contrast-enhanced (DCE) imaging improve the diagnostic accuracy of breast MRI?
- 96. What are the considerations for patient positioning during a breast MRI, and how can improper positioning affect the quality of the exam?
- 97. What is the primary benefit of using subtraction images in breast MRI?
- 98. When should MRI be avoided in breast cancer patients post-surgery or radiation therapy?
- 99. Which sequence or images is critical to differentiate between a recurrent tumor and scar tissue on breast MRI?
- 100. What are the key imaging planes typically used in breast MRI protocols?
- 101. When should a breast MRI be performed after a patient has received radiotherapy?
- 102. Which sequence or images is critical used in breast MRI to enhance the detection of tumors?

- 103.** What is the significance of using fat suppression techniques in breast MRI?
- 104.** What specific artifacts should radiologists be aware of when interpreting breast MRI in patients with implants, and how can these be minimized?
- 105.** What is the primary MRI sequence used to evaluate silicone breast implants for potential rupture, and what is its significance?

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