MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF THE CERVICAL SPINE

INDICATION: The Examination is performed to evaluate the suspicion of cervical instability.

TECHNIQUE: Plane films are available for reading in the lateral projection in flexion and extension.

FINDINGS: Minimal degenerative osteophytes are noted at the C4-5 intervertebral level anteriorly. No significant dorsal osteophytes are seen. On the flexion and extension views there is no evidence of instability of the cervical vertebral bodies.

IMPRESSION: Minimal degenerative disc disease primarily at the C4-5 level with ventral osteophytes at this level. The central canal is anatomic as appear the lateral neural foramina demonstrated on this exam. There is no evidence to suggest bony injury.

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING OF THE LUMBAR SPINE

INDICATION:

TECHNIQUE: Plane films of the lumbar spine in lateral projection only in flexion and extension are available for reading.

FINDINGS: There is significant under penetration of the L5-S1 intervertebral level on both views.

The alignment of the proximal lumbar spine is anatomic, however, the relationship at L5-S1 cannot be accurately ascertained on these views. Slight narrowing is seen involving the L4-5 level, however, the central canal and lateral neural foramina demonstrated on this study appear to be patent and free of compromise.