

# Musculoskeletal Imaging Guide

To schedule an appointment: call 1 - 888 - 909 - XRAY or 443 - 481 - 5000.

This is for reference only. This does not imply protocol standards for all the radiology facilities. Information subject to change.

BODY PART	VIEWS PERFORMED	INDICATIONS	COMMENTS
HAND, FINGER, WRIST, ELBOW, SHOULDER, FOOT, TOE, ANKLE, KNEE & HIP	AP, Lateral and Oblique views are routinely performed	Trauma, Pain, Metastatic disease, Arthritis	All Body Parts must be ordered separately for optimal imaging, i.e., do not order hand to include wrist.
		Follow-up to Abnormal Bone Scan	These are 2 separate exams.
		Swelling	For trauma or pain, please state exact area of symptoms
HUMERUS, RADIUS & ULNA (FOREARM), FEMUR, TIBIA & FIBULA (LOWER LEG)	AP & Lateral Views to include both the Proximal and Distal Joints	Trauma, Pain, Metastatic disease, Arthritis	Please state exact area of symptoms
		Follow-up to Abnormal bone scan	
		Swelling, Evaluation of deformity	
CERVICAL SPINE	AP, Lateral, Both Obliques	Trauma, Neck, Shoulder, Arm or Hand Pain	These views are the norm for out patient radiography.
	Swimmer's View if necessary	Metastatic Disease	
	AP Odontoid for Trauma		
	Flexion & Extension as ordered by the provider		
THORACIC SPINE	AP, Lateral and Swimmer's View	Trauma, Pain, Metastatic Disease Osteoporosis With Suspected Compression Fx Mylemoma	Thoracic Spine Films will show from T1-12 and may include the L1&2 vertebrae.
LUMBOSACRAL SPINE	AP, Both Obliques, Lateral and L5-S1 Lateral Spot Film	Trauma, Pain, Arthritis, Metastatic Disease	Wait 3-4 days before ordering Lumbar Films if the patient recently had an exam with oral contrast.
		Focal Neurologic Deficit, Myeloma	
	Standing Flexion & Extension as Ordered by The Provider		
SCOLIOSIS SURVEY	Standing AP Thoracic and Lumbar Spine to include the Pelvis	One shoulder higher than the other, One hip higher than the other Abnormal curvature of the back	See Above.
ACROMIOCLAVICULAR (AC) JOINT	Standing AP view of both AC Joints With & Without Weights	Trauma, Pain, AC Joint Separation	