NOTE: Use the pediatric protocol for patients under the age of 18

Sagittal T1 Scouts: C2-L1
Sagittal: T1, STIR, T2

Average Scanning Parameters:
280 mm FOV
4.5 x .5 mm slice thickness
12 slices

See the Lumbar Spine Scout Acquisition Guideline for detailed instructions on acquiring the scout.

Axial: T1, T2

Average Scanning Parameters:
180 mm FOV
4 x 1 mm slice thickness
42 slices

Scan axials from T12 to S1.

T2 Axial

Average Scanning Parameters:
180 mm FOV
4 x 1 mm slice thickness
7+ slices

Add additional T2 Axial sequence through L5-S1 or L4-L5 when the angle of those disk spaces requires a separate scan or pathology is seen.