“MRI Near Metallic Orthopaedic Devices”

ABSTRACT While millions of patients are treated successfully with orthopaedic implants such as spinal fixations and joint replacements, as many as a quarter of patients will experience subsequent complications. MRI is ideal for assessment of soft tissue, but fails near metals due to severe image artifacts. This presentation will review the mechanisms of signal loss, pile-up and distortion artifacts and offer various existing and novel approaches to improve images. These approaches have shown promise in a clinical setting for diagnosis of complications such as spinal cord impingement, osteolysis, wear-induced synovitis and recurrent osteosarcoma.

Global Learning Objectives
• Critically analyze research, guidelines and appropriate use criteria to develop best-practice diagnosis and treatment strategies
• Evaluate latest innovations in imaging to assess safety and effectiveness

Session Learning Objectives
• Identify the causes of metal artifacts in MR images
• Alter MRI protocols to reduce metal artifacts in images
• Implement protocols using new MRI sequences that are designed to reduce image artifacts

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