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Anatomy: UPPER EXTREMITY - Exams ORDERABLE- Elbow
Sub-Anatomy: Elbow- 3T MR arthrogram - Routine Coil: Flex coil

SEQUENCE - BASICS				VARIABLE PARAMETERS													
PLANE	SEQ	Slice thickness (mm)	Misc / Comment	Gap	FOV (cm)			Voxel size (mm)	TR	TE	FA/TI		Pha	Phase	Scan TIME	Pixel Shift BW-kHz	
	ROUTINE						Scan%							Encode	(min)		
	3 plane scout																
1	Sag fsT1W	3.5		10%				0.4x0.5	600	6-9							
2	Cor fs T1W	3.5		10%				0.4x0.5	600	6-9							
3	Ax fsT1w	3.5		10%				0.4x0.5	600	6-9							
4	Coronal fsPD	3.5		10%				0.4x0.5	3000	35-40							
5	Cor 3D PD TSE	3D		0				0.65 iso									
6	Ax T1 VIBE no FS	3D															

Instructions: FOV and Coverage- Always try to do in superman position with elbow in the center of FOV. On coronal, cover from skin to skin. On axials, cover humeral meta-diaphyseal junction to just below radial tuberosity. On sagittals, cover from medial to common flexor tendon and lateral to common extensor tendon.

Reconstruction for 3D- 0.65 mm in axial and sagittal planes.

Large subject: Increase voxel-0.7-0.75 mm, use mFlex coil, if problem with SNR or wrap, etc- call OPB/PMH for remote monitoring help.

Others- Always put marker at the site of most pain, injury or swelling. If motion observed, stop the scan, instruct patient to lay still and repeat the sequence.

