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MRI EXAM OF THE LUMBAR SPINE WITHOUT CONTRAST

INDICATION: Low back pain.

TECHNIQUE: MRI exam of the lumbar spine was performed in sagittal and axial planes using T1 and T2-weighted sequences.

COMPARISON: There are no prior exams for comparison.

FINDINGS: The lumbar vertebral bodies are normal in height and alignment. There is no fracture or focal bony lesion. The conus medullaris is at the T12 level and is normal in appearance. There is a spinous mass.


Lumbar disks maintain normal height. There is loss of signal intensity of the discs and T2-weighted images. There is bulging of the annulus fibrosis of the L3/4, L4/5 and L5/S1 discs.

There is a focal right far lateral herniation of the nucleus pulposus at the L4/5 level. Disc material extends into the right neural foramen and there is impingement of nerve roots within the right neural foramen. There is facet joint hypertrophy and central stenosis.

IMPRESSION:

1. Intact lumbar vertebral bodies; no fracture or focal bony lesion.
2. Bulging of the annulus fibrosis of the L4/5 disc with focal right far lateral herniation of the nucleus pulposus, with impingement of nerve roots within the right neural foramen and with central stenosis.
3. Bulging of annulus fibrosis of the L3/4 and L5/S1 discs.
4. Normal conus medullaris.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the care of this patient.


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Signed by STEPHEN P. TODER, MD at 03/09/2022 10:00:14 AM