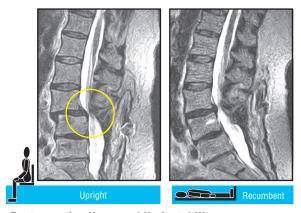
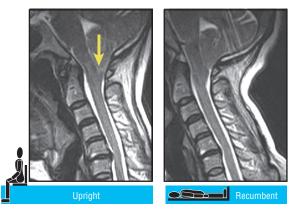
There is considerable clinical evidence that the Weight-Bearing Upright MRI provides medical benefits that are not duplicated by any other MRI

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Postoperative Hypermobile Instability You need the upright scan to see the spinal instability in this patient with recurrent low back pain following an L4-S1 fusion

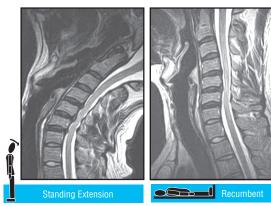
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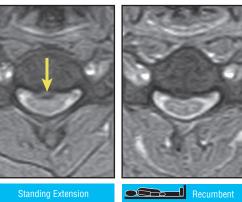


Chiari Malformation Visualization When Upright

Upright imaging revealed increased downward herniation of the cerebellar tonsils (arrow). Subsequent neurosurgery (a posterior fossa decompression) eliminated the patient's sudden drop attacks.

(Images courtesy of J.P. Elsig, M.D., Zurich, Switzerland)





Upright Dynamic MRI Reveals Hidden Disc Herniation

You need the upright scan to see the position-dependent focal posterior disc herniation at the C4/5 level (arrow). Note the associated spinal cord compression on the standing-extension scans in both the sagittal (top left) and axial planes (bottom left). (Images courtesy of Melville MRI, P.C.)

Evaluation of Spinal Instability

You need the upright scans to fully appreciate the hypermobile translational spinal instability, a condition that can be a surgical indication in cases of low back pain. The recumbent scan (above right) demonstrates minor degenerative anterolisthesis at L4/5. The standing-neutral scan (at right) shows

greater comparative anterior slip of L4 on L5. The standing-flexion study (above left) reveals yet further anterior slip of L4 on L5 (arrow). (Images courtesy of Melville MRI, P.C.)

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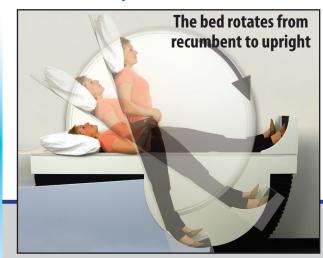
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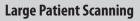








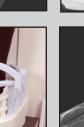


















Typical patient positioning options are . shown at left in cutaway views.







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