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Q1: How protons do help in MR imaging?

Ans: MR imaging is also known as proton imaging. It imaging in basis of proton. In our body is made up water is present and water have hydrogen. For imaging purpose the hydrogen nucleus (a single proton) is used because of its abundance in water and fat.

When a body is placed in strong magnetic field, such as an MRI scanner, the protons are all line up. This uniform alignment creates a magnetic vector orient along the axis of the MRI scanner.

MRI scanners come in different field strengths, usually between 0.5 and 1.5 Tesla.

The Radio wave frequency that causes the hydrogen nuclei to resonate is dependent on the element sought and the strength of magnetic field.

Q2: Differentiate between longitudinal and transverse magnetizations.

**Transverse**

**longitudinal**

- ① Magnetic field can be measured directly.
- ② Along  $x-y$  axis.
- ③ Reduction in magnitude.
- ④  $90^\circ$  angle with respect to the direction of magnetic field. perpendicular.
- ⑤ Due to the spins of individual protons getting more or less into phase after RF pulse.
- ⑥ It appears due to phase coherence, except for a  $180^\circ$  degree flip angle.
- ⑦ The magnetic movement of the nuclei only move in alignment with or against m.f strength. i.e low or high energy state.

- ① Magnetic field cannot be measured directly.
- ② Along Z axis.
- ③ ~~Reduction~~ Reduction in magnitude and established new transverse magnetization.
- ④ parallel to direction of the field.
- ⑤ Due to difference in the number of spins in parallel and anti-parallel before RF pulse.
- ⑥ During excitation it decrease.
- ⑦ It is null magnetization.



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Q3: Write a note on gradient field?

Ans:

### Gradient field:

- = Gradient fields are needed to encode the signal spatially.
- = They produce a linear variation in magnetic field intensity in a direction in space.
- = This variation in magnetic field intensity is added to the main magnetic field which is far more powerful.
- = The variation is produced by pairs of coils placed in each spatial direction.
- = The direction of the magnetic field is not modified.
- = By adding them to  $B_0$ , a linear variation is produced in the total magnetic field amplitude in the direction to which they are applied.
- = Their action is considered as homogeneous on a plane perpendicular to the direction of application.
- = This modifies resonance frequency in proportion to the intensity of magnetic field to which they

are submitted.

= This variation in Larmor frequency also causes a variation and dispersion of spin phases.

= Their maximal amplitude which determines maximal spatial resolution.

= Their slew rate, corresponding to their switching speed, high slew rates and low rise time are required to switch gradients quickly and allow ultra-fast imaging sequences such as echo planar.

= Their linearity, which must be as perfect as possible within the scanning area.

Moreover, gradient switches produce Lorentz forces causing vibration in the gradient coils and their supports. These vibrations are the main source of the characteristic MRI noise.

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Q4: Describe four basic steps of MR Imaging.

Ans. **Four basic steps:-**

- ① placing the patient into magnet.
- ② Sending Radiofrequency (Rf) pulse by coil.
- ③ Receiving by signal coil from the patient.
- ④ Transformation of signals into image. to get computer image for processing.



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Q5:- Write the typical value of long and short TR/TE in spin echo sequence and gradient echo sequence.

Ans:-

TR is always lesser than TE

TR/TE	Spin-echo-sequence	Gradient-echo sequence
Short TR	300 - 800	< 50
Long TE	> 60	> 10
Short TE	10 - 25	1 - 5
Long TR	> 2000	> 100

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Qb: Define the following terms

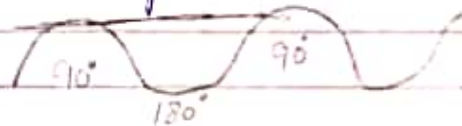
- (a) TR (b) TE (c) Transverse relaxation  
(d) longitudinal relaxation (e)  $T_1$  weighted images  
(f)  $T_2$  weighted images  
(g) proton density images.

(a) TR:-

Time to repeat.

The time taken by start of one RF pulse to start of next RF pulse.

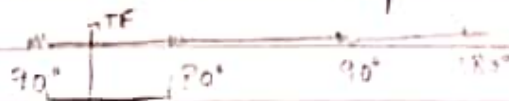
Time interval between beginnings of 90 degree pulses is TR.



(b) TE:-

Time to Echo

Time taken between start of RF pulse and reception of the echo.



(c) Transverse Relaxation:-

When RF pulse is switched off and transverse magnetization reduces is known as Transverse Relaxation.

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### (d) Longitudinal Relaxation:-

When RF pulse is switched off Transverse magnetization reduce and longitudinal magnetization increase is known as longitudinal Relaxation.

### (e) $T_1$ weighted images:-

When ~~When~~ TR is kept short and TE also short It will give  $T_1$  weighted images.

### (f) $T_2$ weighted images:-

~~less~~ When TR is kept long and TE also long It will give  $T_2$  weighted images.

### (g) proton density images:-

When TR kept long and TE is short It will give proton density images.