

1.5T ADNI-Related GE 14.0 M4 Software, TwinSpeed Gradient and 8-channel Brain Coil

This protocol provides suggested imaging parameters for research studies that want to approximate the imaging methods used in the ADNI study using 14.0 M4 HDx software, but do not have access to an MP-RAGE pulse sequence. For more details see the document: "Use of ADNI MRI Methods for Non-ADNI Studies"

Accept the "First Operating Mode" pop-up in Series 1. Consult the scanner's user's manual to understand this choice and its implications.

*The head portion of the 16-channel head-neck-spine (HNS) can be used instead of the 8-channel brain coil for the entire study, if desired.

SERIES	1. 3 plane loc.	scan plane	3-plane	matrix/nex	256 / 128 / 1
coil	8hrbrain*	modes	(Whole Body gradient)	fov (cm)	26
etl			Calib.	slice/space	5 / 5
scan time	:13	pulse seq	Gradient Echo	autoshim	On
comments	Use 8-channel brain coil. Center at A25.				

SERIES	2. Calibration Scan.	scan plane	axial	matrix/nex	default
coil	8hrbrain*	mode	(Whole Body gradient)	fov (cm)	30
etl		SAT		slice/space	6/0 43 slices
scan time	:13			autoshim	off
comments	Used for PURE B1-correction. Be sure to cover brain completely				

SERIES	3. Sag IR-FSPGR	scan plane	Sag	matrix/nex	192 / 192 / 1
coil	8hrbrain*	mode	3D (ZOOM gradient)	phase fov	
	<i>SCAN TIMING</i>	pulse seq	SPGR	locs/pause	
#echos	1	image opts.	EDR, IrPrep, Fast	freq. direct.	S/l
te	min full	psd name	efgre3d_cs	fc direct	
Prep time	600		<i>ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS</i>	phase corr	
flip angle	8	User CVs	Image acq. delay = 0	autoshim	On
etl			turbo mode = 1		
bw1/bw2	15.63		slice resolution = 100%	fov	24
scan time	8:33	PURE	Enable PURE	slice/space	1.2mm 170 locs/slab
comments	Cover skin to skin. Remind the patient to hold still for this scan.				

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SERIES coil	4. IR-FSPGR-repeat	scan plane mode	Sag	matrix/nex	192 / 192 / 1		
	8hrbrain*		3D (ZOOM gradient)		phase fov		
	<i>SCAN TIMING</i>		pulse seq		SPGR	locs/pause	
	#echos		image opts.		EDR, IrPrep, Fast	freq. direct.	S/I
	te		psd name		efgre3d_cs	fc direct	
	Prep time		User CVs		<i>ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS</i>	phase corr	
	flip angle				Image acq. delay = 0	autoshim	Auto
	etl				turbo mode = 1	<i>SCANNING RANGE</i>	
	bw1/bw2				slice resolution = 100%	fov	24
	scan time				Enable PURE	slice/space	1.2mm 170 locs/slab
comments	PURE						
Prescribe same image locations as series 2, unless adjustment is needed (e.g. to correct for wrap).							
Remind the patient to hold still for this scan.							

NOTE: Be sure to select the "**Copy FOV, Thickness, Spacing**" button for the graphic prescription. Otherwise, if you copy the slice locations from series 3, the number of slices might be reduced.

SERIES coil	5. Ax PD/T2 FSE	scan plane mode	Ax	matrix/nex	256 / 256 / 1		
	8hrbrain*		2D (ZOOM gradient)		phase fov	0.9	
	<i>SCAN TIMING</i>		pulse seq		FSE-XL	acqs/pause	0
	#echoes		image opts.		EDR, Fast	freq. direct.	A/P
	te		psd name			fc direct	
	TR		User CVs		<i>ADDITIONAL PARAMETERS</i>	Autoshim	Off
	flip angle				blurring cancellation=0	phase corr	
	etl				Enh. fine line suppr.=0	<i>SCANNING RANGE</i>	
	bw1/bw2				Enable PURE	fov	24
	scan time				PURE	slice/space	48 loc, 3mm interleaved
comments	Prescribe 48 slices to cover head.						