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List of Abbreviations

AP Antero Posterior

APO Antero posterior oblique

ASIS Anterior Superior Iliac Spine

B.Sc Bachelor of Science

C4 4th Cervical vertebra

CSF Cerebrospinal fluid

FOV Field Of View

FSE Fast Spin Echo

GRE Gradient Recall Echo

L1 1st lumbar vertebra

L2 2ed lumbar vertebra

L4 4th lumbar vertebra

L5 5th lumbar vertebra

MRI Magnetic Resonance Imaging

ms milli-second

MSc Master of science

NMR Nuclear Magnetic Resonance NMV Net Magmetization Vector

PA Postero Anterior

PAO Postero Anterior oblique

PD Proton density RF Radio Frequency

RTA Road Traffic Accident

ROI Region of Interest

S1 1St sacral vertebra

SE Spine Echo
TE Time to Echo
TR Time to Repeat

T1 Longitudinal magnetization relaxation time

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الخلاصة:

تناولت الدراسة 30 حالة اصابة بالعمود الفقري، أجري لها الفحص بالأشعة السينية (وضع أمامي وجانبي) وبالفحص بالرنين المغنطيسي لتوضيح دور كل منهما في تقييم وتشخيص الحالة، (دراسة مقارنة بين فحص الأشعة السينية العادية وفحص الرنين المغنطيسي في حالات اصابات السلسلة الفقرية).

أجريت الدراسة في الفترة من شهر يناير الي شهر سبتمبر 2004م في مركز الانقاذ للرنين المغنطيسي {1 تسلا} (دعاء-الخرطوم)، مستشفى السلاح الطبي {0.2 تسلا} (امدرمان) و مستشفى يستبشرون {0.5 تسلا} (الخرطوم). جمع الباحث صور وبيانات المصابين وتم تحليلها ثم مناقشتها، وأوضحت النتائج أن17 مصابا (6.65% من 30) أجري لهم الفحص بالأشعة العادية كانت نتائج الفحص طبيعية و13 مصابا (43.3% من 30) كانت نتائجهم غير طبيعية، و6 مصابين (%20 من 30) أجري لهم الفحص بالرنين المغنطيسي كانت نتائج الفحص طبيعية و 24 مصابا (80% من 30) كانت نتائجهم غير طبيعية.

خلص الباحث من الدراسة بأن للتصوير بالأشعة السينية العادية دور في تشخيص حالات كسور وخلع الفقرات، وللتصوير بالرنين المغنطيسي دور في تقييم وتشخيص اصابات النخاع الشوكي والانزلاق القضروفي بالاضافة الي الكسور وخلع الفقرات.

ABSTRACT

The study included sample of 30 traumatic patients investigated initially by conventional X-ray (AP & lateral views) and then scanned by MRI of the spine to show the role of each of them in assessment and diagnosing the case (Comparative Study Between conventional X-ray Imaging and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) In Trauma of Spine).

The study took place from January to September 2004 in Elingaz diagnostic center [1 tesla](Doaa- Khartoum), Military hospital[0.2 tesla] (Omdurman), and Yastabshiroon hospital [0.5 tesla] (Khartoum). The researcher has collected images and data of the patients and then analyzed and discussed, the results show that 17 patients (56.6% of 30) investigated by conventional x-ray imaging have normal images, and 13 patients (43.3% of 30) have abnormal images, and 6 patients (20% of 30) investigated by MRI have normal images with 24 patients (80% of 30) have an abnormal MR images.

The researcher concludes that conventional x-ray has a role in diagnosing fractures and dislocation of the vertebrae and spine MRI

has a role in assessment and diagnoses of spinal cord injury or disc herniation, in addition to the effects of fractures and dislocation of the vertebrae.