

Artifact on CT Myelogram and MRI

Posted by Claudia - 13 Jan 2007 12:18

I sent my films to a neurosurgeon in Baltimore requesting he review them to see if I had arachnoiditis. I have almost every symptom that I've ever read about. His answer was "yes"; - mild. Suggested treatment was spinal cord stimulator trial. As I live out of the state, I won't see him till May when I expect to get some of my questions answered. One question I have is: If it is impossible to see certain areas of the spine with CT Myelogram or MRI due to extensive artifact from rods & pins, is it possible to see arachnoiditis if it is in that same area? For many years, tests I had revealed oil based dye residual from a myelogram. Now, this dye does not show up. Would it be possible that the dye droplets and the worst part of the arachnoiditis is in the area obscured by artifact? Thank you. 😊

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Re:Artifact on CT Myelogram and MRI

Posted by DocSarah - 12 Feb 2007 21:36

Hi, in brief, artifacts can obscure evidence of arachnoiditis and residual dye in the affected areas.

Regards,

DocSarah

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