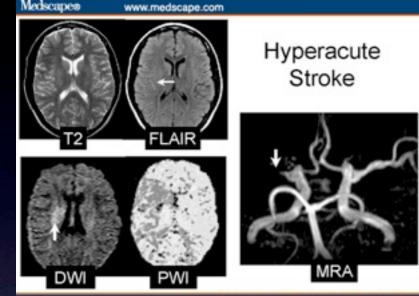
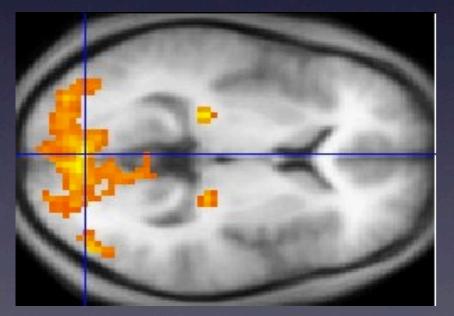
## Various applications of MRI



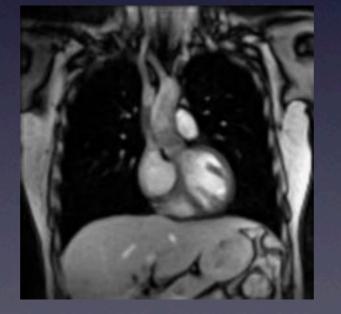
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Magnetic resonance angiography



A fMRI scan showing regions of activation in orange including the <u>primary visual cortex</u>



Real-time MRI of a <u>human heart</u> at a resolution of 50 ms



- DIFFUSION MRI: measures diffusion of water molecules in biological tissues; used for Dx of strokes and multiple sclerosis. Strokes appears in 5-10 min on DWI opposite to 4-6h :CT scan
- MRI Angiography: evaluate arteries for stenosis and aneurysms. Similar for veins there is MR venography.
- MR Spectroscopy: measures levels of tumor metabolites in brain. MRI signals produces a spectrum of resonances for different arrangements of metabolite molecules to be excited. Used in Dx of tumors.
- FUNCTIONAL MRI measures signals in brain due to neural activity. Increased neural activity produce an increased demand for oxygen and vascular system compensates for it (BOLD= blood oxygen level dependant). Oxygenated hemoglobin produces an increased BOLD MRI signal while deoxygenated Hb produces a decreased signal.
- REAL TIME MRI is a continuos filming in real time is used for diseases of joints and heart.
- INTERVENTIONAL MRI: used during minimal invasive procedures for guidance