

Practice guideline summary: Use of fMRI in the presurgical evaluation of patients with epilepsy

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ABSTRACT

Objective: To assess the diagnostic accuracy and prognostic value of functional MRI (fMRI) in determining lateralization and predicting postsurgical language and memory outcomes.

Methods: An 11-member panel evaluated and rated available evidence according to the 2004 American Academy of Neurology process. At least 2 panelists reviewed the full text of 172 articles and selected 37 for data extraction. Case reports, reports with <15 cases, meta-analyses, and editorials were excluded.

Results and recommendations: The use of fMRI may be considered an option for lateralizing language functions in place of intracarotid amobarbital procedure (IAP) in patients with medial temporal lobe epilepsy (MTLE; Level C), temporal epilepsy in general (Level C), or extratemporal epilepsy (Level C). For patients with temporal neocortical epilepsy or temporal tumors, the evidence is insufficient (Level U). fMRI may be considered to predict postsurgical language deficits after anterior temporal lobe resection (Level C). The use of fMRI may be considered for lateralizing memory functions in place of IAP in patients with MTLE (Level C) but is of unclear utility in other epilepsy types (Level U). fMRI of verbal memory or language encoding should be considered for predicting verbal memory outcome (Level B). fMRI using nonverbal memory encoding may be considered for predicting visuospatial memory outcomes (Level C). Presurgical fMRI could be an adequate alternative to IAP memory testing for predicting verbal memory outcome (Level C). Clinicians should carefully advise patients of the risks and benefits of fMRI vs IAP during discussions concerning choice of specific modality in each case. *Neurology*® 2017;88:395-402

GLOSSARY

AAN = American Academy of Neurology; **ATL** = anterior temporal lobe; **fMRI** = functional MRI; **IAP** = intracarotid amobarbital procedure; **LI** = laterality index; **MTL** = medial temporal lobe; **MTLE** = medial temporal lobe epilepsy; **ROI** = region of interest; **TLE** = temporal lobe epilepsy.

This article summarizes an American Academy of Neurology (AAN) guideline on use of functional MRI (fMRI) for presurgical mapping in epilepsy. Additional information is provided in the complete guideline, available as a data supplement at Neurology.org. Appendices e-1 through e-5, available in the complete guideline, tables e-1 and e-2, and references e1–e16, cited here, are available at Neurology.org.

The choice of performing intracarotid amobarbital procedure (IAP) or fMRI for presurgical language and memory assessment depends on multiple factors that need to be taken into account when selecting the

study. fMRI is properly described as an image acquisition technique that has come to mean imaging brain activity. fMRI results may depend on, for example, scanner strength, analysis methods, type of task contrast used, patient compliance and cooperation with the tasks, or medications administered at the time of the procedure; neither selection of fMRI tasks nor data processing methods have been universally standardized.^{1–4} Nonetheless, standard practices are beginning to emerge.⁵ The IAP language or memory testing is also not standardized; the reviewed studies vary with regard to the procedure used for comparison. IAP may

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be inconclusive in a substantial proportion of patients. Data on healthy volunteers are not available. The goal of this practice guideline is to review available evidence and provide practitioners with evidence-based recommendations for the role of fMRI in epilepsy surgery evaluation and postsurgical outcome prediction. The guideline authors used the AAN diagnostic and prognostic schemes for rating evidence.

This practice guideline seeks to answer the following clinical questions:

1. Is fMRI comparable with the current standard (IAP) for measuring language lateralization?
2. Can fMRI predict postsurgical language outcomes in patients with epilepsy undergoing brain surgery?
3. Is fMRI comparable with the current standard (IAP) for measuring memory lateralization?
4. Can fMRI predict postsurgical verbal memory outcomes in patients with epilepsy undergoing temporal lobectomy?
5. Can fMRI predict postsurgical nonverbal (visuospatial) memory outcomes in patients with epilepsy undergoing temporal lobectomy?
6. Is there sufficient evidence in terms of diagnostic accuracy and outcome prediction for fMRI to replace the IAP (Wada test) in presurgical evaluation for epilepsy surgery?

DESCRIPTION OF THE ANALYTIC PROCESS The Guideline Development, Dissemination, and Implementation Subcommittee appointed an 11-member panel with special expertise in neuroimaging or epilepsy, or both, and with experience in AAN guideline development. The panel followed the methods described in the 2004 AAN process manual⁶ to develop this guideline. The guideline authors included only peer-reviewed studies in humans (see appendix e-3 for complete search strategy).

Two panelists working independently of each other selected 37/172 possibly relevant articles for full data extraction. Studies with $n < 15$ cases, case reports, meta-analyses, and editorials were excluded. Two panelists rated each article according to the AAN diagnostic and prognostic classification of evidence schemes (appendix e-4). One panelist (J.P.S.) arbitrated differences in ratings until reviewer consensus was achieved. The study methodologist (D.G.) reviewed all articles again to confirm adherence to the classification scheme. The guideline panel linked recommendation strength to evidence strength on the basis of the number of Class I, II, and III studies (appendix e-5).

ANALYSIS OF EVIDENCE **Is fMRI comparable with the current standard (IAP) for measuring language lateralization?** Because Class I and II studies are available, Class III studies are not discussed. The guideline

authors performed an individual patient data meta-analysis on the Class I and II studies in order to address this question in patients with medial temporal lobe epilepsy (MTLE).^{7–10} Additional data were identified (6 Class II studies and 12 Class III studies) that did not specify medial vs lateral temporal localization.^{11–28}

Temporal lobe epilepsy. One Class I study included 229 patients with epilepsy, 188 of whom had temporal lobe epilepsy (TLE).⁹ There was concordance with IAP in 81/91 (89%) for the right and 82/97 (85%) for the left medial temporal foci. Medial and lateral temporal foci were not explicitly separated in the results, but the presence of medial temporal sclerosis did not affect concordance rate. One Class II study showed a concordance of 12/14 (86%) in patients with MTLE and in 3/3 (100%) in patients with medial temporal tumors.⁸ In the second Class II study (40 patients), when only the data on the reading task were evaluated, the concordance between fMRI and IAP was 26/31 for all patients and 9/13 when only patients with medial temporal seizure onset were analyzed.⁷ The last Class II study that compared concordance between fMRI and IAP showed excellent agreement in patients with MTLEs (17/17) and seizures related to medial temporal tumors (4/4).¹⁰

Extratemporal epilepsy. The Class I study previously mentioned showed concordance between fMRI and IAP in 34/41 (83%) of the extratemporal cases.⁹ Of the Class II studies, 1 performed in 40 patients with epilepsy showed that in patients with extratemporal epilepsies the concordance was 8/11 for all IAP results and 8/10 if the patient with IAP bilateral language distribution was excluded.⁷ Another Class II study of 26 patients with epilepsy reported 100% concordance between fMRI and IAP in 5/5 patients with extratemporal lobe epilepsies.¹⁸

Of the studies conducted in patients with mixed or unspecified location of seizure onset foci, 1 Class II study showed overall 86% correlation with IAP in 20 patients with epilepsy or brain tumors, or both, for the sentence task and 89% for the synonym task; individual patient data were not provided.¹⁹ A Class II study in 51 patients with epilepsy or brain tumors, or both, indicated moderate correlation ($r = 0.68$; $p < 0.0001$) between IAP and fMRI, but again, individual data were not provided to aid the combined analysis,²⁰ which is similar to the other 2 Class II studies.^{23,24} Finally, the last Class II study performed in 38 patients with epilepsy showed concordance in 1/2 extratemporal cases.¹⁰

Meta-analysis of the previously discussed studies found the following concordance rates (considering only definitely right or left IAP results): 201/232 (87%) for medial temporal foci, 7/7 (100%) for medial temporal lesions, and 48/59 (81%) for

extratemporal foci. Data from studies that included patients with mixed or unspecified foci are harder to interpret because some studies did not clearly specify the focus of localization. We classified these meta-analysis data as Class II because they are composed of 2 Class I and 8 Class II studies.

Conclusions. fMRI possibly provides language lateralization information concordant with that of IAP in 87% of medial temporal cases (Class II meta-analysis of individual patient data) and in 81% of extratemporal cases (Class II meta-analysis of individual patient data). There are insufficient data for temporal tumors or lateral temporal cases.

Recommendations. fMRI may be considered as an option in lateralizing language functions in place of IAP in patients with MTLE (Level C), temporal epilepsy in general (Level C), or extratemporal epilepsy (Level C), although patients should be carefully advised of the risks and benefits of fMRI vs IAP during discussions of modality choice in each individual case. The evidence is unclear for patients with temporal neocortical epilepsy or temporal tumors (Level U).

Can fMRI predict postsurgical language outcomes in patients with epilepsy undergoing brain surgery? The panel identified 1 Class II study of 44 patients with left or right TLE associated with hippocampal sclerosis²⁹ and 1 Class III study of 56 patients with left or right MTLE (information regarding hippocampal sclerosis was not provided).²⁷ In the Class II study, in patients with left TLE, strong left frontal activation predicted greater postresection decline (sensitivity 100%, specificity 33%, positive predictive value 60%), and that the postresection performance depended on greater right frontal language activation shift.²⁹ The Class III study showed that stronger leftward lateralization in a temporal lobe region of interest (ROI) during a semantic decision task predicted greater postoperative naming decline (sensitivity of 100%, specificity of 73%, positive predictive value 81%; temporal lobe laterality index [LI] correlation to postoperative Boston Naming Test score: $r = -0.64$; $p < 0.001$).²⁷ This study also assessed the ability of IAP language lateralization to predict naming outcome in the same patients. Accuracy of the IAP prediction (sensitivity 92%, specificity 45%, positive predictive value 67%) was lower than that of fMRI.

Conclusions. fMRI is possibly effective in aiding the prediction of postsurgical language deficits in patients undergoing presurgical evaluation for possible temporal lobectomy (1 Class II study and 1 Class III study).

Recommendation. fMRI may be considered for predicting postsurgical language outcomes after anterior temporal lobe (ATL) resection for the control of TLE (Level C).

Is fMRI comparable with the current standard (IAP) for measuring memory lateralization? Of 2 Class II studies, 1 study of 67 patients with TLE employed an fMRI contrast between novel visual scenes and meaningless visual patterns to show a significant correlation ($r = 0.31$; $p = 0.007$) between a hippocampal fMRI LI and IAP memory LI.¹⁴ The second study found no significant correlation ($r = 0.152$; $p = 0.47$) between an IAP memory asymmetry measure and medial temporal fMRI LI in 25 patients with TLE.³⁰

Of 2 Class III studies, one conducted in 18 patients with TLE used an fMRI paradigm contrasting novel pictures with previously studied pictures to show that LI computed for the medial temporal lobe (MTL) region correlated ($r = 0.49$; $p = 0.049$) with the IAP memory LI.³¹ The second Class III study in 30 patients with TLE showed that the number of activated left MTL voxels in patients with left TLE was positively correlated with left IAP memory score (Spearman $r = 0.60$; $p < 0.01$).³²

Conclusions. In patients with MTLE, there is Class II evidence that fMRI is comparable with IAP in its ability to lateralize memory functions and may be used for this purpose. The conflicting data from one study may be related to a relatively high dose of sodium amobarbital used to perform the IAP.

Recommendation. fMRI may be considered as an option to lateralize memory functions in place of IAP in patients with MTLE (Level C).

Can fMRI predict postsurgical verbal memory outcomes in patients undergoing temporal lobectomy? Nine Class II and 3 Class III studies provided data addressing this question.^{14,22,30,33–40,e1} Class III data are not discussed further.^{22,38,40} In one Class II study of 122 patients with TLE (60 left), 50% of the variance in postsurgical verbal memory outcome in patients with left TLE was explained by preoperative neuropsychological testing, whereas fMRI explained an additional 10% of the variance ($p \leq 0.003$).³³ A previously mentioned Class II study found that, in contrast to lateralization of language network activation, lateralization of hippocampal activation during the picture encoding task was not predictive of postresection verbal memory outcomes.¹⁴ Another Class II study examined asymmetry of hippocampal activation and postsurgical memory outcomes in 54 patients with TLE (29 left), using a word-encoding fMRI paradigm and stepwise linear regression to test associations between fMRI activation and postoperative memory changes after ATL.³⁴ The degree of fMRI asymmetry toward the left was correlated with postsurgical verbal memory decline ($p = 0.028$). A model including left fMRI activation during delayed recognition, side of seizure onset, and preoperative verbal memory score correctly predicted worsening of postoperative verbal memory in

90% of patients.³⁰ A recent Class II study conducted in 50 patients with TLE (23 left) showed that increasing left lateralization in the frontotemporal verbal memory network pre-resection was associated with post-resection verbal memory decline in patients with left TLE ($r = 0.44$; $p = 0.037$); this effect was not observed in patients with right TLE.³⁹ In additional Class II studies, postsurgical memory outcome was related to presurgical fMRI memory lateralization.^{36,37} Finally, one Class II study showed in 21 patients with left or right TLE that greater functional connectivity between the hippocampus and Brodmann area 22 (superior temporal gyrus) before surgical resection was associated with decreased verbal memory function after surgery.^{e1}

Conclusion. fMRI leftward activation asymmetry during encoding of verbal material, regardless of whether measured in the MTL or in the language network, probably predicts verbal memory decline after left MTL surgery (9 Class II studies that used different methods).

Recommendation. Presurgical fMRI of verbal memory or of language encoding should be considered as an option to predict verbal memory outcome in patients with epilepsy who are undergoing evaluation for left MTL surgery (Level B).

Can fMRI predict postsurgical nonverbal (visuospatial) memory outcomes in patients with epilepsy undergoing medial temporal lobectomy? One Class II study (72 patients, 68 with unilateral hippocampal sclerosis) found that asymmetry of face recognition-related activation was the best predictor of visual-spatial decline after surgery (greater right anterior MTL activation for encoding faces correlates with greater visual memory decline after right ATL resection: $r = 0.47$; $p = 0.02$).³⁴

Conclusion. fMRI activation asymmetry during nonverbal (scene and face recognition) memory tasks is possibly predictive of nonverbal memory decline after MTL surgery (1 Class II study).

Recommendation. Presurgical fMRI using nonverbal memory encoding may be considered as a means to predict visuospatial memory outcomes in patients with epilepsy who are undergoing evaluation for temporal lobe surgery (Level C).

Is there sufficient evidence in terms of diagnostic accuracy and outcome prediction for fMRI to replace the IAP (Wada test) in presurgical evaluation for epilepsy surgery? The IAP is used to assess risk to language and memory functions before brain surgery. fMRI has some inherent advantages over the IAP, including lower risk, greater potential for localization of function, and lower cost. Whether fMRI is a suitable replacement for the IAP, however, depends on whether it produces results that are concordant with those from the

IAP and whether it can predict cognitive outcomes as accurately as the IAP.

Language. Several studies address the issue of concordance between fMRI and IAP language lateralization. Concordance is generally high, but not 100% (table 1). The evidence for the ability of fMRI to predict language outcome (i.e., risk to language function from surgery) is limited to 1 Class II study and 1 Class III study.^{27,29} Data on the ability of IAP to predict language outcome also are limited.

Conclusions. Based on data from 1 Class II study and 1 Class III study, fMRI is possibly an effective method of lateralizing language functions in patients undergoing presurgical evaluation and may be a suitable replacement for the IAP for this purpose. Data on the ability of fMRI to predict language outcomes are limited.

Recommendation. Presurgical fMRI may be used instead of the IAP for language lateralization in patients with epilepsy who are undergoing evaluation for brain surgery (Level C). However, when fMRI is used for this purpose, task design, data analysis methods, and epilepsy type (temporal vs extratemporal, lesional vs nonlesional) need to be considered. Of particular importance for patients with lesional epilepsy is the fact that only small numbers of participants with variable lesion size/location were included in previous studies.

Memory. The objectives of the memory portion of the IAP are to assess risk of global amnesia after ATL resection, even though IAP reliability for this purpose has been questioned,^{e2-e5} and to predict material-specific verbal memory deficits.^{e6-e9}

Concordance is modest between IAP memory asymmetry and fMRI MTL activation asymmetry. Because of this low concordance rate and the limited ability of the IAP to predict postoperative verbal memory outcome, a crucial clinical question is whether fMRI can predict memory outcome better than the IAP. In a previously discussed Class II study of 60 patients who had undergone left ATL surgery, an fMRI language LI was more strongly correlated with verbal memory change on a standardized list-learning measure ($r = 0.44$; $p < 0.001$) than was the IAP memory asymmetry ($r = 0.30$; $p < 0.05$). Moreover, a multivariate prediction model that included preoperative memory score, age at seizure onset, and fMRI LI was not improved by adding IAP asymmetry scores.³³

Conclusion. The correlations between fMRI and IAP memory asymmetry measures are modest, and the ability of the memory IAP to predict material-specific verbal memory change is relatively weak. Based on 9 Class II studies, including one study that showed that fMRI of language LI is possibly more accurate in predicting material-specific verbal memory change than was the memory IAP in patients undergoing left ATL resection, fMRI may be an alternative to IAP memory

Table Class I and II fMRI-intracarotid amobarbital procedure language lateralization comparison studies

First author, y	Class	No.	Language task	Baseline	Brain region examined	Concordance, %
Adcock et al., 2003 ¹¹	II	19	Silent word generation	Fixation	Language	100
Arora et al., 2009 ⁷	II	37	Sentence judgment (auditory)	Tone comparison	Hemisphere	0
		38	Sentence judgment (visual)	Line comparison		68
		31	Silent word generation	Line comparison		65
		28	All tasks combined			71
Benke et al., 2006 ¹²	I	68	Semantic decision (auditory)	Tone decision	Frontal lobe	78
					Temporal	69
Binder et al., 1996 ¹³	I	22	Semantic decision (auditory)	Tone decision	Hemisphere	100
Chlebus et al., 2007 ¹⁵	I	15	Silent word generation	Rest	Frontal lobe	100
Deblaere et al., 2004 ¹⁶	I	17	Silent word generation	Silent counting	Frontal lobe	100
					Hemisphere	94
					Temporal	82
Ellmore et al., 2010 ¹⁷	II	23	Silent naming and word generation	Fixation	Frontal lobe	91
Gutbrod et al., 2012 ¹⁹	II	20	Rhyme decision	Letter decision	Frontal ^a	84-88
			Synonym decision		Temporal ^a	82-84
			Sentence decision		Combined ^a	90
Gaillard et al., 2004 ⁸	I	25	Silent word generation	Rest	Language	84
			+ Reading comprehension		Passive visual patterns	
			+ Auditory comprehension		Rest or reversed speech	
Janecek et al., 2013 ⁹	II	229	Semantic decision (auditory)	Tone decision	Language	86
Rutten et al., 2002 ²⁵	II	18	Silent verb generation only	Shape decision	Language	72
			Silent verb generation			
			+ Silent object naming			
			+ Silent sentence reading			
Sabbah et al., 2003 ²⁶	II	20	Silent word generation	Rest	Hemisphere	95
Szafarski et al., 2008 ¹⁰	II	28	Silent verb generation	Finger tapping	Language	82
		27	Semantic decision (auditory)	Tone decision		78

^a Combined for all tasks.

testing. The ability of fMRI to predict global amnesia has not been assessed.

Recommendation. fMRI of language and verbal memory lateralization may be an alternative to IAP memory testing for prediction of verbal memory outcome in MTLE (Level C). fMRI is not yet established as an alternative to the IAP for prediction of global amnesia in patients who have undergone ATL surgery.

CLINICAL CONTEXT Several Class I–III studies provide support for fMRI use for language mapping, although several reservations are warranted. Much of the evidence was derived from relatively small patient samples with heterogeneous characteristics. Some studies were underpowered or susceptible to random variation. Few studies have examined the ability of fMRI to predict language outcomes. Multicenter studies are missing, and there are no data about generalizability across centers.

The available evidence leaves many critical matters unresolved. The imperfect concordance between fMRI and IAP language lateralization leaves open the question of which test is more accurate in discordant cases. Although the IAP has been considered a reference standard, it is susceptible to a number of limitations resulting from individual variation in arterial anatomy (i.e., circle of Willis), variable effects of anesthesia, rate of amobarbital or methohexital injection, variation in patient cooperation, and variation in testing methods. Evidence concerning the relative accuracy of IAP and fMRI in predicting language outcomes is limited to a single study.^{e10} Another important clinical question is the extent to which the published results apply to children and adolescents, patients with varying seizure focus location or lesion types, and patients with different levels of cognitive performance or ability to cooperate with the procedure. The vast majority of the available data are from adults with TLE and minimal structural lesions. A few

studies suggest less reliable results in patients with extra-temporal foci and larger lesions. Several studies included adolescents and children as young as 6 years. Although results appear similar to those in adults, there are no Class I or II studies that solely address fMRI in comparison with IAP or outcomes in the younger age ranges. The reviewed studies varied across a number of methodologic features, including the strength of the magnetic field used, expertise in the techniques used for analysis of the raw data, thresholding method (if any), ROI examined, and lateralization method. The extent to which these variables affect data quality and validity is currently unknown.

The present recommendations assume that published standards are followed for conducting clinical fMRI studies. As with the IAP, cognitive fMRI is a complex diagnostic procedure that requires both advanced technical expertise in imaging and expert interaction with patients to elicit adequate levels of task performance, select a set of activation tasks appropriate to the patient's ability and the clinical aims of the study, instruct the patient on the tasks, administer the tasks during scanning, and evaluate and provide corrective feedback on task performance during the scanning session.^{e11} Compliance with the activation tasks is a prerequisite for eliciting the modulation of brain activity on which fMRI depends. Clinicians need to have a thorough understanding of the cognitive processes (language and nonlanguage) elicited by the tasks and be mindful of the advantages and disadvantages of particular language and baseline or contrast tasks.

Ten years ago, practitioners were not ready to address the matter of replacing the memory portion of the IAP with fMRI, and the evidence with regard to memory localization and lateralization with fMRI is still not as clear or straightforward as with the language tasks. Two Class II studies with relatively large participant samples have now shown that fMRI can predict verbal memory outcome in left ATL surgery^{33,34} and may be more accurate than IAP for this purpose.³³ Some practitioners, however, depend on the IAP to assess risk for global amnesia, which has been reported after bilateral MTL damage.^{e12–e14} Global amnesia is rare after unilateral temporal lobe surgery, however, and occurs mainly when there is preexisting contralateral MTL dysfunction.^{e2,e5,e15,e16} One possible approach, therefore, is to reserve use of the IAP memory test for those patients at greatest risk for global amnesia, that is, patients undergoing unilateral ATL resection who have structural or functional evidence of damage to the contralateral MTL.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE RESEARCH

There is a great need for further research in a number of areas, including the following:

- Studies comparing fMRI and IAP with regard to their ability to predict language and memory outcomes
- Studies comparing the ability of fMRI to predict language and memory outcomes in patients receiving various surgical treatments
- Studies comparing various fMRI language and memory tasks in regard to their ability to lateralize functions, their level of agreement with IAP, and their ability to predict postsurgical outcomes
- Studies comparing various fMRI analysis methods, using level of agreement with IAP and ability to predict postsurgical outcomes as standards
- Multicenter studies assessing the replicability of particular fMRI methods across centers
- Studies specifically targeting patients with extra-temporal epilepsy and lesional epilepsy
- Studies specifically targeting pediatric epilepsy populations

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