# Ultra-low field MRI

Swoop® Portable MR Imaging® System

### **ABOUT SWOOP**

The Swoop system (Hyperfine, Inc.) is an ultra-low field portable MRI scanner with a magnetic field strength of 0.064T. For context, clinical MRI scanners are usually 1.5T, so Swoop has less than 5% of a typical clinical magnetic field strength.

## WHAT IS MRI?

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scanners use magnetic fields and radiofrequency waves to generate images of a patient's body.

#### **CLINICAL USE**

The Swoop system is a brain-only MR scanner with a limited number of sequences, but due to being ultra-low field and portable, the Swoop system can be wheeled to a patient's bedside for efficient point-of-care scanning.

# IMAGE QUALITY

As expected, there is a reduction in image quality compared with 1.5T. However, for patient groups where a fast diagnosis is vital for improved patient outcomes, Swoop is groundbreaking for MRI accessibility.



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#### THE MIRACLES STUDY

A clinical research study in Glasgow (MIRACLES) investigated the use of *Swoop* in A&E to evaluate the potential of a portable MRI scanner in stroke work up. Preliminary results suggest that the *Swoop* system was able to detect stroke at least as well as other acute imaging, although further work is required with a larger study population to confirm these results.

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