



Medical Imaging
techniques and procedures used to create images of the human body.

- Radiography** uses electromagnetic radiation to take images of the inside of the body. The most well-known and common form of radiography is x-ray.
The resulting 2D image is a radiograph.
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)** involves radio waves and magnetic fields to look at the organs and other structures in the body.
The result is a 2D or 3D blueprint of cellular chemistry.
- Computed Tomography (CT)** formerly called computerized axial tomography (CAT) scanning an x-ray beam traces an arc at multiple angles around a section of the body.
The resulting transverse section of the body, called a CT scan
- Ultrasound Scanning** uses an ultrasound machine with a silent high-frequency sound waves to produce live images of the internal structures of the body also known as **sonogram**.
The image, which may be still or moving, is called a **sonogram**.
- Coronary (CARDIAC) Computed Tomography Angiography (CCTA) Scan** an iodine containing contrast medium is injected into a vein and a beta blocker is given to decrease heart rate. Then, numerous x-ray beams take an arc around the heart and a scanner detects the x-ray beams and transmits them to a computer which transforms the information into a 3D image of the coronary blood vessels on a monitor.
The image produced is called a CCTA scan and can be generated in less than 20 seconds.
- Positron emission tomography (PET)** is a 3D functional imaging technique. In contrast to CT and X-ray, it demonstrate the physiological activities of tissues and organs of the body using radiotracer. The injected radiotracer concentrates within a tissue which is been displayed on a computer as a 3D image.
The machine is similar to CT and MRI, and modern PET scan images can be combined with CT or MRI scans to create unique view
- Endoscopy** involves the visual examination of the inside of body organs or cavities using a lighted instrument with lenses called an endoscope.
The image is viewed through an eyepiece on the endoscope.
- Radionuclide Scanning** a radioactive substance is introduced intravenously into the body and carried by the blood to the tissue to be imaged. Gamma rays emitted by the radionuclide are detected by a gamma camera outside the subject, and the data are fed into a computer.
The computer constructs a **radionuclide image** and displays it in color on a video monitor.