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**CT imaging acquisition parameters, including: slice thickness, table speed, mAs, and kV settings, should be set according to the specific vendor recommendations. These parameters settings along with automatic exposure control techniques should be used to maximize diagnostic yield and minimize patient dose (ALARA). Expected patient dosage for individual CT units should be available on site and actual patient dosage information is available in PACS.**

**The following protocols refer to reconstruction thickness, interval, windowing and multiplanar reformatting of the images sent to PACS.**

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## **Notes on Intravenous Contrast:**

- **Standard injection for most studies: 75 ml 370mg% or 100 ml of 300mg%**
- **Standard injection rate: 2-4 ml/sec unless stated otherwise**
- **Quantity should be increased to 100 ml 370mg% in patients approximately > 250lb.**
- **Repeat injection may be performed for total of 150 ml when more than two areas of interest requested**
- **Pediatric patients: 1 ml per pound up to adult dosing (approx. 2ml/kg)**

## **Statement on Metformin:**

- **There is no need to discontinue Metformin in patients receiving IV contrast in the setting of normal to borderline renal function (eGFR > 30)**
- **In the rare setting when a patient receiving IV contrast with renal failure (eGFR<30) then Metformin should be withheld for 48 hours after the contrast and not restarted until renal function is reevaluated.**

## **Recommended Premedication for Contrast Allergy:**

- **Routine prep (13hour):**

**Prednisone 50mg po at 13h, 7h and 1hr prior to contrast**

**Benadryl 50mg po or IM 1hr before contrast**

**Note: Hydrocortisone 200mg IV (at 13h, 7h and 1hr) can be substituted for Prednisone if patient cannot take po meds**

- **Emergency prep (4 hour):**

**SoluMedrol 40mg IV or SoluCortef 100mg IV 4 hours prior**

**Benadryl 50mg IV, IM or po 1hr prior**

**Note: Decadron 7.5mg or Betamethasone 6mg can be substituted in patients with allergy to SoluMedrol or NSAIDS, especially if asthmatic**

**Reference: ACR Manual on Contrast Media v10.2**

# Head/Neck

## HEAD WITHOUT

Scan Range: 1cm below skull base to above vertex. Parallel to line intersecting supraorbital ridge and posterior aspect of foramen magnum OR lateral edge of eye and external auditory canal, excluding orbits as much as possible.

Contrast: None

W/L: Brain

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L: Bone

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Coronal and Sagittal – Brain W/L 3 mm x 3 mm

## HEAD WITHOUT/WITH CONTRAST

Scan Range: 1cm below skull base to above vertex. Parallel to line intersecting supraorbital ridge and posterior aspect of foramen magnum OR lateral edge of eye and external auditory canal, excluding orbits as much as possible.

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg%. Wait 3-5 minutes after injection before imaging.

W/L: Brain precontrast and postcontrast

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L: Bone precontrast

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Coronal and Sagittal - post contrast – Brain W/L 3 mm x 3 mm

## IAC/TEMPORAL BONES

Scan Range: Below mastoid tip to above superior mastoid air cells. Stay parallel to OM baseline.

W/L: Bone high resolution

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**SINUSES - AXIAL ACQUISITION**

Scan Range: Top of frontals through maxillary with FOV 130cm

Contrast: none

W/L: Bone high resolution

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm

**SINUSES - CORONAL ACQUISITION**

Scan Range: Nose through sphenoid sinuses with FOV 130cm

Contrast: none

W/L Bone high resolution

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Axial 2 mm x 2 mm

**SINUSES - IMAGE GUIDED SURGICAL PROTOCOL**

Scan - Transaxial vertex through maxillary sinuses with FOV up to 250cm

W/L 1: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR - Coronal magnified for sinuses only with bone W/L



**NECK WITH IV CONTRAST**

Scan Range: Above pituitary fossa to aortic arch. Straight gantry. No contrast as well when concern for salivary gland calculus

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 3 mm x 3 mm

**NECK WITHOUT IV CONTRAST**

Scan Range: Above pituitary fossa to aortic arch. Straight Gantry

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 3 mm x 3 mm

**NECK – PARATHYROID**

Indication: Suspected or known parathyroid tumor

Scan Range: Mandible through carina

Scan phase 1: Non-contrast

Scan phase 2: Arterial – 25 second delay after contrast initiation

Scan phase 3: Delayed – 80 second delay after contrast initiation

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm of phase 2 and 3

**MAXILLOFACIAL CT WITH IV CONTRAST**

Indication: Mass or inflammation

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%. Scan after 2 minute delay

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm

**MAXILLOFACIAL CT WITHOUT CONTRAST**

Indication: Trauma

Scan Range: Above frontal sinuses through bottom of chin.

Contrast: none

W/L: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm

**ORBITS WITH IV CONTRAST**

Scan Range: Bottom of hard palate through top of frontal sinuses

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%. Scan after 2 minute delay

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR: Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**ORBITS WITHOUT IV CONTRAST**

Indication: Trauma

Scan Range: Bottom of hard palate through top of frontal sinuses

Contrast: none

W/L: Bone

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR: Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**SELLA TURCICA**

Indication: Patient with contraindication to MRI

Scan Range: Coronal through entire sella turcica

Contrast: precontrast and postcontrast 75 ml 370 mg%

W/L: Brain

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and Sagittal 1 mm x 1 mm

**CTA HEAD**

Scan Range: Vertex through C1

Perform noncontrast CT Head first if no exam in 24hrs.

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg %. Scan after 10 sec delay (Toshiba - Surestart timed to Common Carotid) Rate of injection: 3.5-4.5 ml/sec

W/L 1: Brain

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.3 mm

W/L 2: Brain

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR- Sagittal and Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**CTA HEAD/NECK**

Scan Range: Aortic arch through vertex

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Scan after 10 sec delay (Toshiba - Surestart timed to Common Carotid) Rate of injection: 3.5-4.5 ml/sec

W/L 1: Soft tissue

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.3 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR- Sagittal and Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**CTA NECK**

Scan Range: Aortic arch through skull base

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Scan after 10 sec delay (Toshiba - Surestart timed to Common Carotid) Rate of injection: 3.5-4.5 ml/sec

W/L 1: Soft tissue

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.3 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR- Sagittal and Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

**CT VENOGRAM HEAD**

Scan Range: Vertex through C1

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg%. Scan after 45 sec delay (Toshiba – Surestart timed to Common Carotid) Rate of injection: 3.5-4.5 ml/sec

W/L 1: Brain

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.3 mm

W/L 2: Brain

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR- Sagittal and Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm

# Chest

## **CHEST WITH CONTRAST**

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% at 2-3cc/sec

W/L 1: Mediastinum\_

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung (for Toshiba use FC51)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm mediastinum window

## **CHEST WITHOUT CONTRAST**

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys

Contrast: None

W/L 1: Mediastinum

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung: (for Toshiba use FC51)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3mm mediastinum window

## **CHEST ENB (electromagnetic navigation bronchoscopy) PROTOCOL**

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys

If requested, Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% at 2-3cc/sec

W/L 1: Mediastinum (for Toshiba use FC05)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 0.8 mm

W/L 2: Lung (for Toshiba use FC51)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm mediastinum window

**HIGH RESOLUTION CHEST**

Indication: Pulmonary fibrosis

Scan 1: Apices through top of kidneys in **inspiration**

W/L 1: Mediastinum

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung (for Toshiba use FC51 or Super High Res FC53 or F80)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MRP: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm mediastinum window

Scan 2: Apices through the top of the kidneys in **expiration**

W/L: Lung

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 20 mm

Scan 3: If patient is able, may include prone representative 1mm images through upper, mid and lower chest

W/L Prone: Lung (as above)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 10 mm or more. Minimum of one image upper, mid and lower.

**CHEST LOW DOSE SCREENING**

Indication: Screening only

Patients should be excluded from screening if:

- They have had chest CT within 12 months
- Have an active lung cancer
- Have current active chest disease process other than smoking related COPD
- Have a known nodule being followed at less than 1 yr intervals

Scan: Apices through lung bases

Acquisition thickness will vary based on scanner

mAs: vary based on exposure (in order to achieve CTDI < 3 mGy)

Contrast: None

W/L 1: Mediastinum

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm

Additional recon: Axial 10 mm x 10 mm (thick slab MIP for nodules) in Lung Window

Note: Reporting requires use of Lung-Rads assessment category

**CHEST LOW DOSE DIAGNOSTIC**

Indication: Follow up of nodules

Scan: Apices through lung bases

Acquisition thickness will vary based on scanner

mAs: vary based on exposure (in order to achieve CTDI < 3 mGy)

Contrast: None

W/L 1: Mediastinum

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm

Additional recon: Axial 10 mm x 10 mm (thick slab MIP for nodules) in Lung Window

**CTA CHEST**

Indication: Pulmonary embolus or non-specific chest pain

Note: **Perform in end expiration phase.** Avoid scanning during Valsalva

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys

Contrast: 75 cc 370 mg% at 4-5 cc/sec

W/L: Mediastinum

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm, Coronal thick slab (MIP) 10mm x 10mm,

Sagittal 3 mm x 3 mm

**CTA CHEST – ATTENTION AORTA**

Indication: Aortic dissection or other aortic injury

Contrast: 75 cc 370 mg% at 4-5 cc/sec

Scan phase 1: Non-contrast Low dose technique apices through top of kidneys

W/L: Mediastinum

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

Scan phase 2: Arterial phase contrast attention to the aorta - apices through top of kidneys

W/L: Mediastinum

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR of phase 2: Coronal 1 mm x 1 mm, Coronal thick slab (MIP) 10mm x 10mm,

Sagittal 3 mm x 3 mm

**CTA CHEST - EKG GATED**

Indication: Coronary arteries, Triple Rule-Out, Aortic Dissection, Aortic Aneurysm followup

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys (may be tailored by indication)

EKG Gating: Retrospective

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% at 4-5 cc/sec (may be tailored by indication)

Coronary: W/L: Mediastinum

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.3 mm

Other: W/L: Mediastinum

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: To be done with independent workstation software



**CT ESOPHAGOGRAPHY**

Indication: Esophageal perforation (not indicated for obstruction)

Scan Range: Apices through top of kidneys

Oral contrast: 50 ml oral Isovue or Omnipaque mixed in solution with fizzies  
(effervescent granules) ingested just prior to imaging

Note: patient should not be at risk for aspiration

Timing: No delay required

W/L 1: Mediastinum\_

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

W/L 2: Lung

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm mediastinum window

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# Abdomen/Pelvis

## Oral contrast for Abdomen/Pelvis:

### Outpatients (one of the following):

#### 1. Redicat 2:

If AM appointment: 1 bottle 450 ml at 11PM at night before,  
1 bottle of 450 ml 1 hour before exam

If PM appointment: 1 bottle 450ml six hours prior to exam,  
1 bottle of 450 ml 1 hour before exam

#### 2. Omnipaque 240 mg%: 50 ml mixed in 32 oz water 1 hour before

#### 3. Isovue 300%: 15-30 ml mixed in 32 oz of water - drink over 15-30 min and scan 45-60 min later

### Inpatients (one of the following):

#### 1. Gastroview: 30 ml mixed in 32 oz water - half at 2 hours before half and 1 hour before exam

#### 2. Omnipaque 240: 50 ml mixed in 32 oz water - half at 2 hours before and half at 1 hour before exam

#### 3. Isovue 300%: 15-30 ml mixed in 32 oz of water - half at 2 hours before and half at 1 hour before exam

### Emergency patients (one of the following):

#### 1. Gastroview - 30 ml mixed in 32 oz water 1 hour before

#### 2. Omnipaque 240 - 50 ml mixed in 32 oz of water 1 hour before

#### 3. Isovue 300%: 15-30 ml mixed in 32 oz of water - drink over 15-30 min and scan 45-60 min later

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH CONTRAST ORAL & IV**

Indication: Abdominal pain, Follow up of neoplasm, Other

Scan: approx. 70 sec delay for portal venous phase from lung base to pubis symphysis.

If known pelvic pathology or trauma or at tech or rad discretion: 5 minute delay through pelvis for bladder contrast (iliac crests to pubic symphysis)

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%, Increase to 100cc if patient estimated over 250lb.

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal - 3 mm x 3 mm

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITHOUT IV OR ORAL CONTRAST**

Indication: Renal colic, flank pain, Other

Scan: From lung bases through pubis symphysis

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3 mm x 3 mm

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH CONTRAST ORAL & IV (DUAL PHASE)**

Indication: Suspected hypervascular liver lesion

Scan phase 1: approx. 25 second delay of the abdomen

Scan phase 2: approx. 70 – 90 second delay abdomen for portal venous phase - lung bases to pubis symphysis.

If known pelvic pathology or at tech or rad discretion: 5 minute delay of pelvis for bladder contrast (iliac crests to pubic symphysis)

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal of phase 2 at 3 mm x 3 mm

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH CONTRAST ORAL & IV (TRIPHASIC)**

Indication: Suspected hypervascular liver lesion (when requested as “triphasic”)

Scan phase 1: approx. 25 second delay of the abdomen

Scan phase 2: approx. 70 – 90 second delay abdomen for portal venous phase - lung bases to pubis symphysis.

Scan phase 3: approx. 5 min delay of abdomen and if known pelvic pathology or at tech or rad discretion can continue through the pelvis

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%

W/L: Soft tissue – all phases

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal of phase 2 at 3 mm x 3 mm

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH CONTRAST ORAL & IV (PANCREAS PROTOCOL)**

Indication: Suspected or known pancreas mass

Scan phase 1: approx. 40 second delay of the abdomen

Scan phase 2: approx. 70 – 90 second delay abdomen for portal venous phase - lung bases to pubis symphysis. If known pelvic pathology or at tech or rad discretion: 5 minute delay of pelvis for bladder contrast (iliac crests to pubic symphysis)

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal of phase 2 at 3 mm x 3 mm

**ABDOMEN WITHOUT AND WITH IV CONTRAST (HEMANGIOMA PROTOCOL)**

Indication: Known Liver lesion, hemangioma protocol

Scan phase 1: Lung bases to iliac crests without IV contrast at low dose (mAs) setting

Scan phase 2: Approx. 70 sec delay (portal venous phase) lung bases to iliac crest

Scan phase 3: 5 minute through liver

Scan phase 4: 10 minute through liver

Scan phase 5: 15 minute through liver

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

**ABDOMEN WITHOUT AND WITH IV CONTRAST (ADRENAL WASHOUT)**

Indication: Known Adrenal lesion

Scan phase 1: Non-contrast lung bases to iliac crests at low dose (mAs) setting

Scan phase 2: 70 second delay post contrast from lung bases to iliac crests

Scan phase 3: 15 minute delayed post contrast of adrenals

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: none

**ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH & WITHOUT IV CONTRAST (SPLIT BOLUS)**

Indication: Hematuria, Renal mass

(Results in nephrographic and urographic phases in one scan).

Scan Range: Lung bases through pubis, except exclude pelvis if ordered as CT abdomen only

Scan phase 1: Non-contrast lung bases through pubis at low dose (mAs) setting

Injection: ½ of bolus injected and wait 3 minutes

Scan phase 2: Following injection of second ½ of bolus, 70 second delay scan from lung bases through pubis symphysis

If known pelvic pathology or trauma or at tech or rad discretion: 5 minute delay through pelvis for bladder contrast (iliac crests to pubic symphysis)

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal of phase 2 at 3mm x 3mm

**CT UROGRAM**

Indication: Hematuria, Renal mass

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg% plus oral hydration with water

Scan phase 1: Without contrast from lung bases through pubis symphysis at low dose (mAs) setting

Scan phase 2: 3 minute delay lung bases through pubis symphysis

Scan phase 3: 15 min delay top of kidneys through entire bladder

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3mm

Interval: 3mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal of phase 3 at 10 mm x 10 mm

**CT CYSTOGRAM** - (bladder contrast only, no IV or oral)

Indication: Bladder mass, Hematuria, other

Contrast: dilute Conray 5 parts water one part contrast

Scan phase 1: CT Pelvis 3mm x 3mm without contrast

Scan phase 2: Fill bladder with contrast through Foley catheter and scan again

Scan phase 3: Open catheter and drain. Rescan pelvis

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3mm

Interval: 3mm

MPR: Sagittal and Coronal of phase 2 at 3mm x 3mm

**CT COLONOGRAPHY**

Prep 1 (when following failed colonoscopy) - Air insufflation per rectum - as much as patient can tolerate

Prep 2 (24 hour) – On day before exam:

11AM – Bisacodyl (Ducolax) 5mg tablets x2 with 8oz clear liquid

2PM – Mag citrate 10oz bottle with 4-6 cups clear liquid

5PM – Barium sulfate 250ml and 2<sup>nd</sup> bottle Mag citrate 10oz

7PM – Gastrografin 60ml mixed in 8oz clear liquid

Scan 1 – Supine position - Lung bases through pubis symphysis

Scan 2 – Prone position - Lung bases through pubis symphysis

Contrast: No intravenous contrast

W/L:

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal 2 mm

**CT SMALL BOWEL ENTEROGRAPHY**

Prep: NPO 6-8 hours prior. Volumen oral contrast - 3 full bottles (prep time of approx 30-60 min), then drink two cups of water just prior to scan.

Scan Range: Lung bases through pubis symphysis

Contrast: 75cc 370mg%

W/L:

Thickness: 2 mm

Interval: 2 mm

MPR: Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm

**CTA GI BLEED**

Scan Range: Lung bases through pubis

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg% , Injection rate: 4-4.5cc/sec

Scan phase 1: Without oral or IV contrast at low dose (mAs) setting

Scan phase 2: Without oral contrast, With IV contrast timed to distal aorta and add 25 seconds

Scan phase 3: Delayed – add approximately 80 seconds

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR - Coronal 5 mm x 5 mm all three phases

**CTA ABDOMINAL AORTA**

Indication: AAA, Renal or Mesenteric arteries

Scan Range: Lung bases through midpelvis

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Inject 3.5-4.5cc/sec timed to aorta at the renal arteries

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR- Sagittal and Coronal 2 mm x 2 mm

**CTA ABDOMINAL AORTA - POST STENT GRAFT**

Indication: Followup for aortic stent graft (if requested as such with delays)

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Inject 3.5-4.5 cc/sec timed to aorta at the renal arteries

W/L: Soft tissue

Scan phase 1: Without IV contrast - Lung bases through pubis at low dose (mAs)

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

Scan phase 2: Dynamic contrast enhanced- Kidneys through pubis

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: 2 mm x 2 mm

Scan phase 3: 5 min delay post IV contrast - Kidneys through pubis

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

**CTA AORTA WITH BILATERAL RUN-OFF**

Scan Range: depending upon request, may include arch through feet or just above renals through feet

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Injection rate: 4-4.5 cc/sec timed to distal aorta

W/L - Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 0.8 mm

MPR: Coronal and Sagittal 3 mm x 3 mm

**CTA DIEP (DEEP INFERIOR EPIGASTRIC PERFORATORS) aka ADOMINAL WALL**

Indication: Pre-operative planning for breast reconstruction surgery

Note: Avoid constrictive clothing on abdomen and pelvis

Scan Range: Lung bases through pubis

Contrast: 75 ml 370 mg% Inject 3.5-4.5cc/sec timed to aorta at the lower aorta

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 0.75 mm

MPR- Coronal 50 mm x 50 mm

Axial 10 mm x 10 mm



# Spine

## **CERVICAL SPINE**

Scan Range: External auditory meatus through T2

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal in bone window 2 mm

## **THORACIC SPINE**

Scan Range: Above T1 through the body of L1

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal in bone window 2 mm

## **LUMBAR SPINE**

Scan Range: Body of T11 through S1

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 3 mm

Interval: 3 mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal in bone window 2 mm

# Extremities (without contrast)

## SHOULDER

**Positioning:** Position patient with unaffected arm above head and affected arm down by side with the palm up. Off center patient on table, so that affected shoulder is centered (do not let unaffected side touch gantry).

**Range:** Spiral scan to cover acromioclavicular joint through proximal humeral shaft.

**W/L 1: Bone**

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

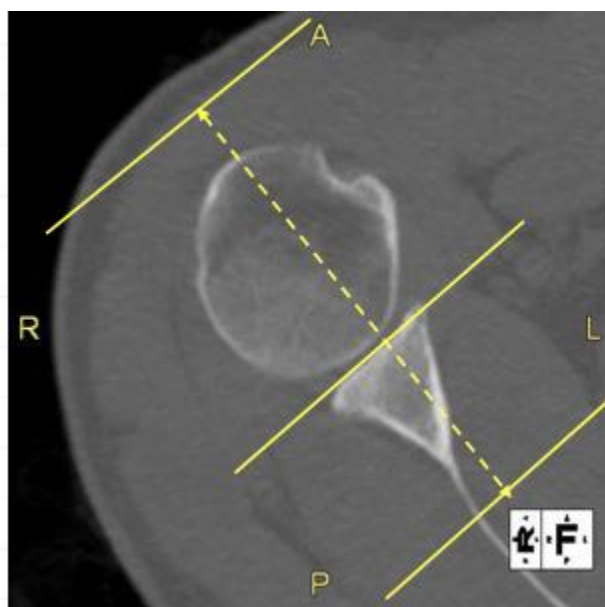
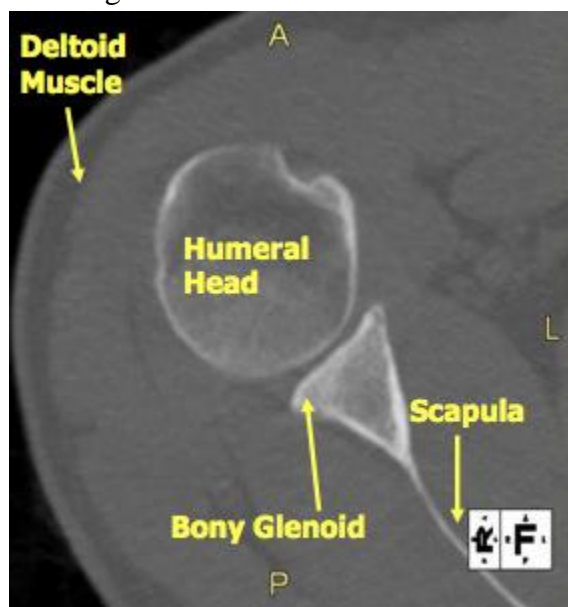
**W/L 2: Soft tissue**

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

**MPR: in bone windows -**

**Sagittal -** Prescribe sagittal plane from axial images with line parallel to bony glenoid



**Coronal -** Prescribe coronal plane perpendicular to sagittal plane.

## ELBOW

**Positioning:** Position patient prone with affect arm extended out in front. Hand supinated. Elbow joint as straight as possible. If patient cannot tolerate this position - have them supine off center, arm by their side, hand supinated with the elbow as centered as possible.

**Range:** Spiral scan from distal humeral shaft (just above humeral condyles) through radial tuberosity. FOV to be coned in as small as possible.

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

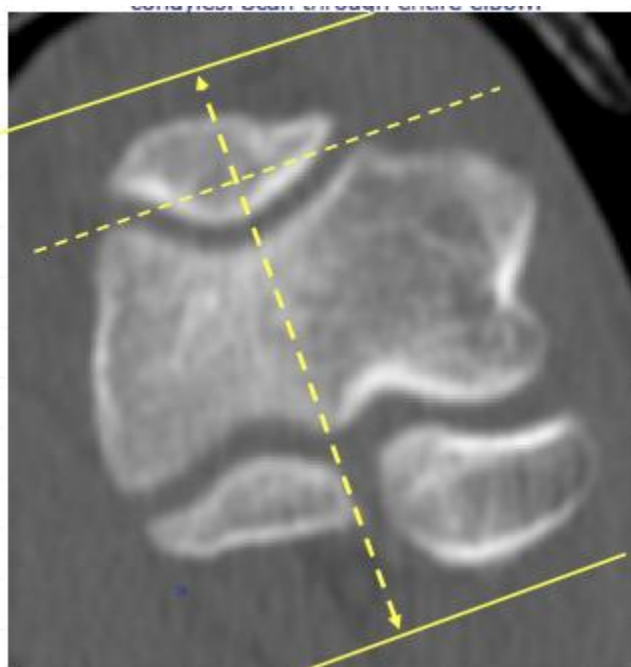
W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

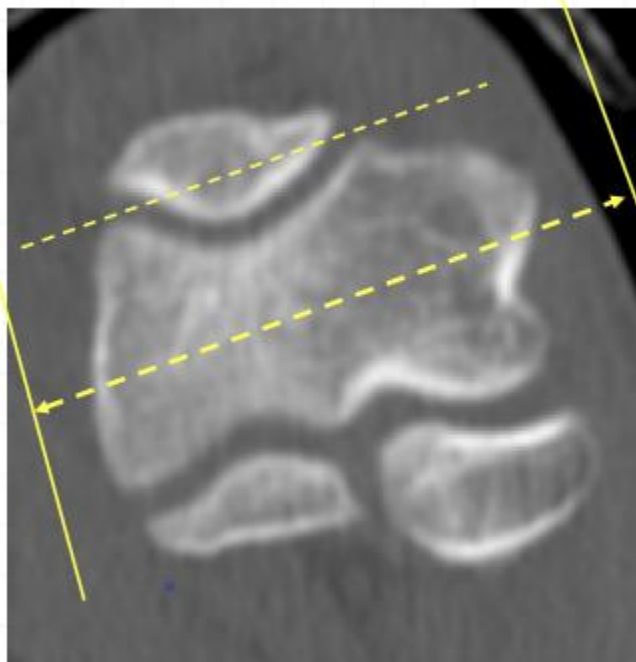
MPR: in bone window

Coronal - Prescribed plane parallel to humerus at condyles



ELBOW continued:

Sagittal - Prescribe plane perpendicular to coronal plane



## WRIST

Positioning: Patient prone with affected arm extended out in front. Hand pronated. Wrist as straight as possible.

\*\*\* If for SCAPHOID FRACTURE - Patient prone with affected arm extended out in front. Hand pronated, wrist in MAXIMUM ULNAR DEVIATION.

Range: Scan from distal radioulnar joint (DRUJ) through mid metacarpals. FOV to be coned in as small as possible.

### 64 MDCT Scanner (ACH)

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.2 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

WRIST continued:

16 MDCT Scanner

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Interval: 0.4 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

**HAND**

Positioning: Patient prone with affected arm extended out in front. Hand pronated.

Hand/wrist as straight as possible.

Range: Larger FOV than for CT wrist - scan from distal radioulnar joint (DRUJ) through the thumb and fingers

64 MDCT Scanner (ACH)

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.2 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

16 MDCT Scanner

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Interval: 0.4 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

**PELVIS**

Range: Iliac crests through the lesser trochanters.

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft Tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

**HIP**

Range: Acetabular roof through the lesser trochanter of affected hip

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft Tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal in bone

**KNEE**

Positioning:

1. Patient supine with feet first into the scanner
2. Keep knees extended side-by-side
3. Tape feet together with toes pointing up to help keep knees from moving
4. Slide patient so that the knee being scanned is in the center of the table



**KNEE CONTINUED:**

Range: Spiral scan from suprapatellar region through the tibial tuberosity of proximal tibia

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

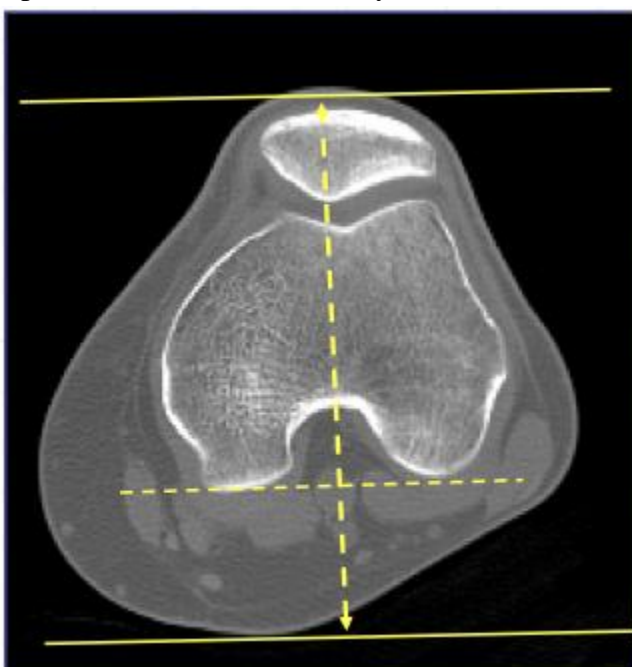
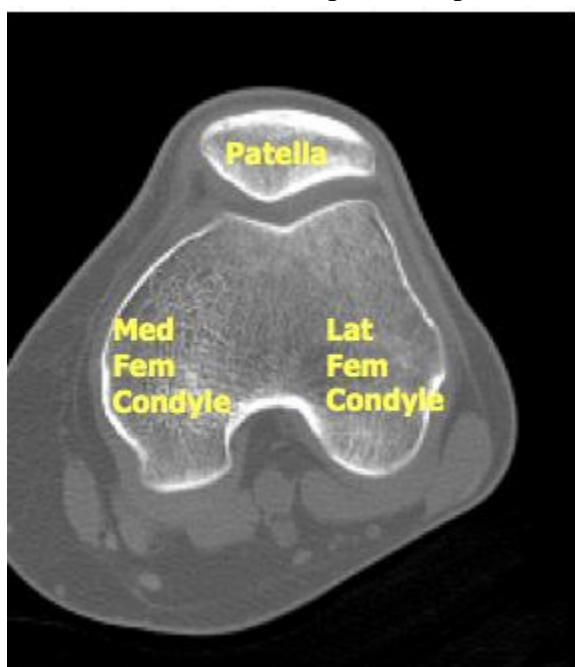
W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: in bone windows

Coronal - prescribe plane with line parallel to the femoral condyles



Sagittal - prescribe plane perpendicular to coronal plane

**ANKLE****Positioning:**

1. Supine feet first - foot of interest centered. Use foot holder if available
2. Toes pointing straight up



Range: Spiral scan from the distal tibia to beyond the inferior calcaneus. FOV to include tarsal bones and bases of the metatarsals.

**64 MDCT Scanner (ACH)**

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.2 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue (axial only)

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: As below

**16 MDCT Scanner**

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Interval: 0.4 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue (axial only)

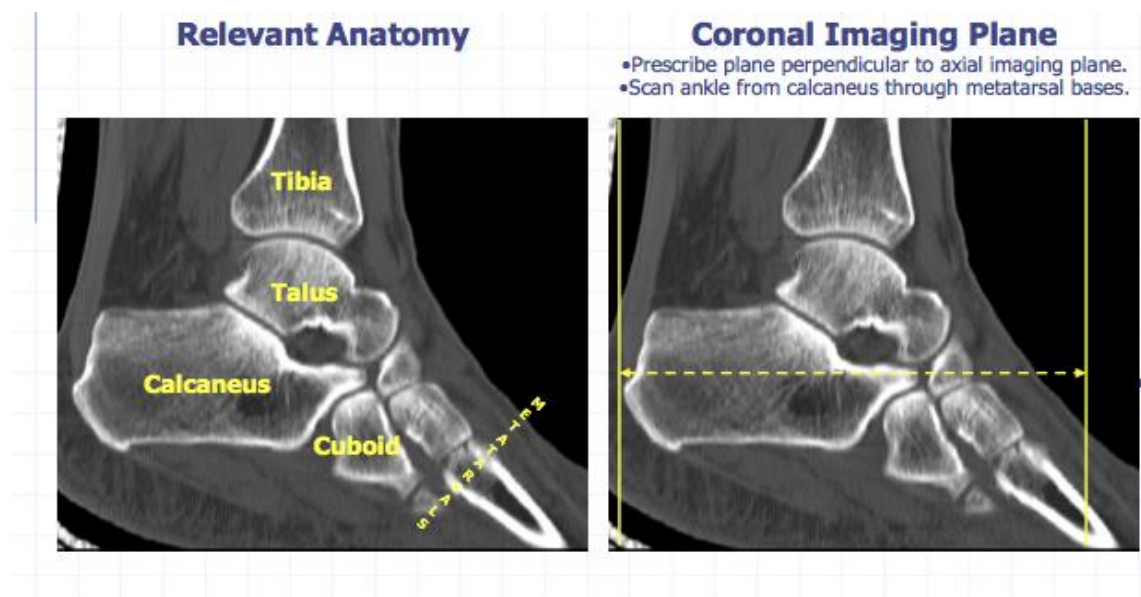
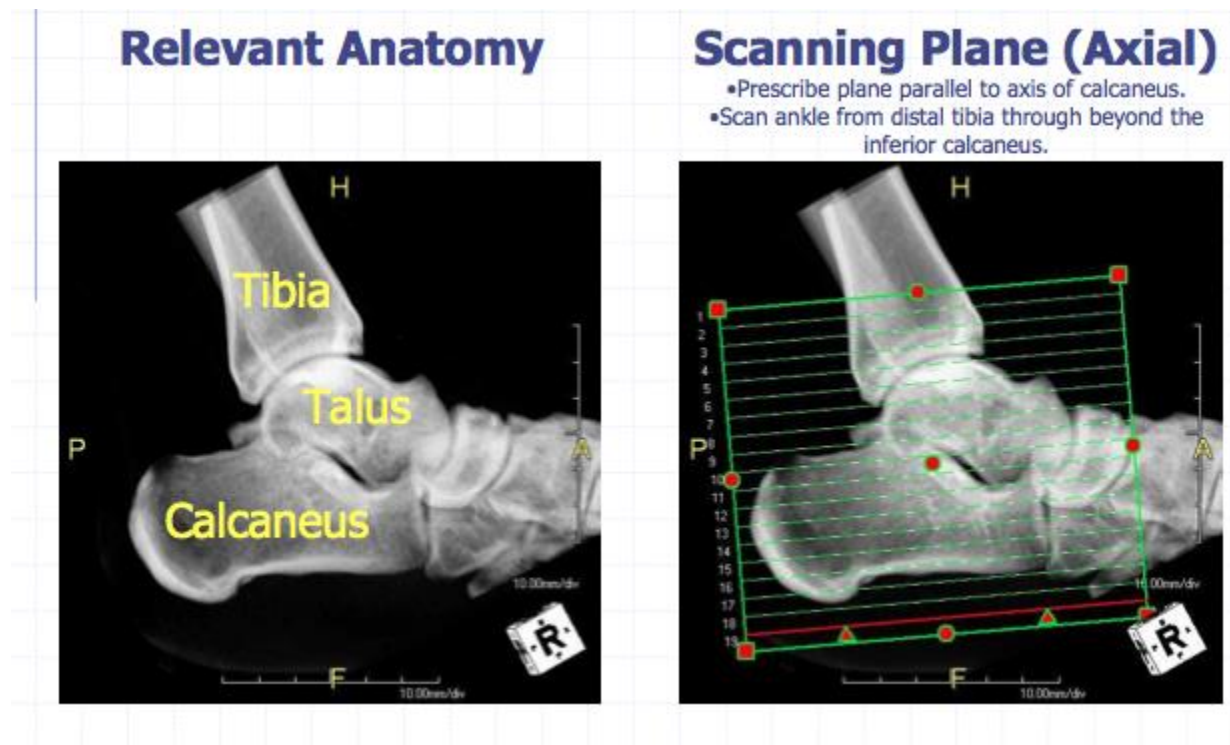
Thickness: 1 mm

Interval 1 mm



ANKLE continued:

MPR:



ANKLE continued:

## Sagittal Imaging Plane

- Prescribe plane with line bisecting calcaneus.
- Scan through entire foot.



## FOOT

Positioning:

1. Patient supine feet first into scanner - foot of interest centered. Use foot holder if available
2. Toes pointing straight up

Range and Planes of Imaging:

FOOT continued

## Relevant Anatomy



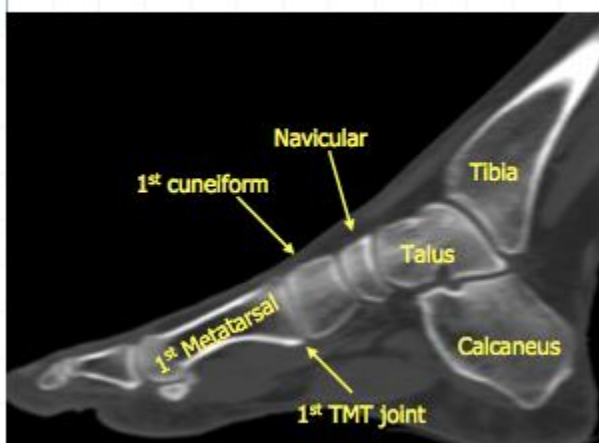
## Scanning Plane (Coronal)

- Prescribe plane parallel to 1<sup>st</sup> Metatarsal.
- Scan through entire mid/forefoot.



## Relevant Anatomy

Lisfranc joint = tarsometatarsal (TMT) articulations, particularly in area between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> TMTs

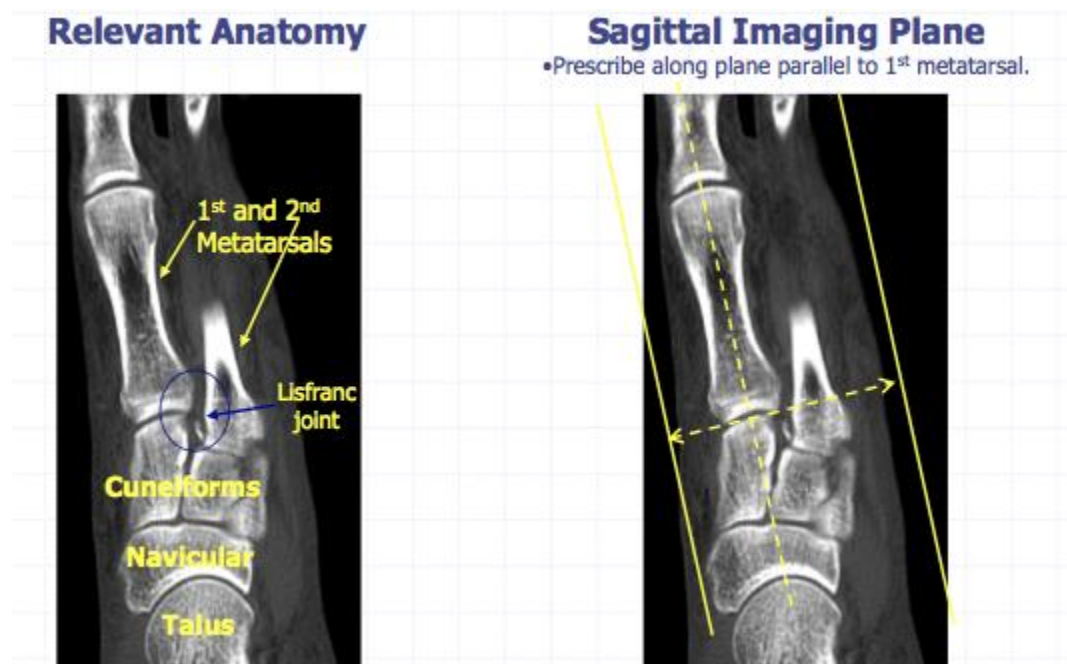


## Axial Imaging Plane

- Prescribe plane perpendicular to coronal plane.
- This will be parallel to 1<sup>st</sup> TMT joint
- Scan through entire mid/forefoot.



FOOT continued



#### 64 MDCT Scanner (ACH)

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.5 mm

Interval: 0.2 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue [axial only (long axis)]

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: As illustrated above

#### 16 MDCT Scanner

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 0.8 mm

Interval: 0.4 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue [axial only (long axis)]

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

MPR: As illustrated above

**STERNUM**

Positioning and range: Patient supine with arms at their sides (if possible given the patient's size). FOV to be coned in on the sternum, including both sternoclavicular joints. Scan from sternoclavicular joints through xiphoid process.

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness 1 mm

Interval 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal

**STERNOCLAVICULAR JOINTS**

Positioning and range: Patient supine with arms down at their sides (if possible given the patient's size). FOV coned in on both sternoclavicular joints. Scan through sternoclavicular and sternomanubrial joints.

W/L 1: Bone

Thickness: 1 mm

Interval: 1 mm

W/L 2: Soft tissue

Thickness 1 mm

Interval 1 mm

MPR: Coronal and sagittal

## **Extremities (with contrast)**

**AREA OF CLINICAL INTEREST AS SPECIFIED**

Indication - infection, abscess or mass

Scan range: extend through clinical region of interest or as detailed for non-contrast as noted above. Scan at 70 sec delay after contrast

Contrast: 75 ml 370mg%

W/L: Soft tissue

Thickness 3mm

Interval: 3mm

MPR: Sagittal and coronal 3mm x 3mm

## UPDATES:

## Version 2013 Revisions – June 2013

1. IV contrast changed from 350mg% to 370mg%
2. Added Isovue as oral contrast option
3. Head CT – exclude orbits as much as possible from field of view
4. Deleted Sinus Screening CT protocol
5. Chest CT followup nodules performed with routine Chest CT rather than low dose
6. Chest ENB protocol added (as of 2/2012)
7. Multiphase Abdomen CT – initial non-contrast phase can be performed at low dose setting (decrease mAs)
8. New Abdomen/Pelvis without and with contrast split bolus technique
9. Deleted Abdomen/Pelvis without and with contrast for workup of known renal mass

## Version 2013b Revisions – September 2013

1. Added MPR for high resolution chest CT
2. Sinus CT – removed term “Full”
3. Added Pancreas CT
4. CT enterography – Add NPO 6-8 hrs. prior
5. Changed CT Colonography prep options and added prone scan
6. Adjusted outpatient Redicat oral barium instructions due to change in bottle size from supplier

## Version 2014 – January 2014

1. Changed Head CT to 3mm x 3mm with Cor and Sag recons
2. Detailed Head CT angle more clearly to avoid orbits
3. CT Chest studies performed – through top of kidneys
4. Oral Isovue can be mixed with 15 or 20 ml contrast since bottles come in 30 ml
5. IV contrast injected at 2-4 ml/sec unless stated otherwise

## Version 2014b – 10/2014

1. Added CT Venogram Head
2. Added CT Abdomen/Pelvis – Triphasic

## Version 2015 – January 2015

1. Added recons to CT sinuses
2. Added optional 5 min delay pelvis sequence to split bolus Abd/Pelv CT
3. Correction made Feb 2015 – Update CT Lung Screening protocol
4. Add Extremities with contrast

Version 2015b – May 2015

1. Maxillofacial CT without contrast changed from 0.5 mm x 0.5 mm to 1 mm x 1 mm.
2. Maxillofacial CT exams add Sagittal recons. Recons are done at 2 mm x 2 mm.
3. Added CT Cystogram

Version 2015c – August 2015

1. Add CT Neck – Parathyroid
2. CT GI Bleed – add delayed phase
3. Isovue oral contrast for CT – change to 15-**30** ml since contrast most often comes in 30 ml bottle

Version 2015d – December 2015

1. Chest High Resolution – add expiration phase at 20 mm intervals

Version 2016a – April 2016

1. CT Chest screening – send 10x10 axial sequence in lung windows

Version 2016b – August 2016

1. Add - CTA Chest attention aorta – performed without and with contrast
2. Add – CT Esophagography for perforation

Version 2017a - February 2017

1. Add – Low dose chest CT (non-screening) for nodule follow up
2. CT Chest screening –add suggested exclusion criteria for screening chest CT

Version 2017b – June 2017

1. Add statement on Metformin
2. Add statement on Recommended premedication for contrast allergy

Version 2017c – Sept 2017

1. Change names of low dose chest CT exams for consistency

Version 2018 – Feb 2018

1. Add CTA DIEP