CT Contrast Recommendations by Indication

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CT Exam	Indication	Without	With	Without/With
Head	Headache, TIA, Dizziness, Trauma,	Х		
	Stroke, Mental status change,			
	Memory loss			
Head	Suspected Tumor or infection			X
Maxillofacial	Trauma	Χ		
Maxillofacial	Facial mass, Infection		Х	
Orbits	Visual disturbance, Mass		Х	
Temporal bones	Hearing loss, Mastoiditis	Χ		
Sinuses	Sinusitis	Х		
CTA Head	Suspected aneurysm or AVM		Х	
CTA Neck	Carotid/Vertebral disease		Х	
CTA Head/Neck	Stroke, Carotid/Vertebral disease		Х	
Neck	Neck mass, lymphadenopathy		Х	
Neck	Salivary calculus			Х
Cervical	Trauma	Х		
Thoracic or Lumbar	Trauma, back pain	Х		
Chest	Cough, Pneumonia, Lung nodule,		Х	never
	Abnormal chest radiograph			
Chest	Lung nodule	Х		
Chest low dose	Follow-up lung nodule, High risk	Х		
Chest high resolution	Suspected interstitial lung disease	Х		
	(inspiration, expiration and prone)			
CTA Chest	Chest pain, Shortness of breath		Х	
CTA Chest	Suspected aortic dissection			Х
Abdomen	Follow known abdominal process		Х	
	(Oral contrast also recommended)			
Abdomen	Adrenal mass characterization			Х
Abdomen/Pelvis	Abdominal pain, Mass, Metastatic		Х	
	disease, Pelvic pain or mass			
	(Oral contrast also recommended)			
Abdomen/Pelvis	Suspected renal calculus	Χ		
Abdomen/Pelvis	Renal mass/cyst characterization,			X
	Hematuria, Hypervascular liver			
	tumor, Hemangioma or Suspected			
	abdominal aortic rupture/dissection			
Abdomen/Pelvis	Acute GI bleed			X
CTA Abdomen/Pelvis	AAA, Post-prandial pain		Х	
CTA Abdomen/Pelvis	Post Aortic stent graft followup			X
CT Enterography	Small bowel disorder, Crohn's		Х	
Pelvis	Trauma	Χ		
Extremities or Joints	Trauma	Х		
CTA Abd/Pelvis/lower	Arterial insufficiency in lower		Х	
extremities	extremity			