

Terms of Use Agreement for Transfer of Software to Detect, Localize, and Measure Kidney Stones on Computed Tomography Scans

Purpose

The **Software**, developed in the lab of Dr. Ronald M. Summers, is proprietary code used to automate detection, localization and measurement of kidney stones on abdominal computed tomography (CT) scans. This Terms of Use Agreement covers the use of the **Software** with a non-commercial research project.

Definitions

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 - Elton DC, Turkbey EB, Pickhardt PJ, Summers RM. A deep learning system for automated kidney stone detection and volumetric segmentation on non-contrast CT scans. Medical Physics in press (2022).
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