



Statement on CT scans and Staples

Ethicon Inc. produces and markets a number of products that leave a permanent metallic implant. The presence of a metallic implant represents no safety issue with respect to CT scans. These scans are X-rays, which do not involve a magnetic field and will not affect the metallic implants we market for implantation.

The appearance on a radiograph or a radiographic image will be dependent on the size of the implant, its location, the presence of contrast materials, and the density of the surrounding tissues. If it is desired to visualize a metallic implant, it is recommended to avoid the use of contrast materials. Staple lines in the pelvis are frequently not visible on X-rays due to the surrounding bone. Body habitus also is a significant factor.