



IMAGE PROTOCOL RECOMMENDATIONS

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CT-SCAN PROTOCOL

ALL ANATOMICAL AREAS	Data Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DICOM image series (mandatory to have native images)
	Scan Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted organ must be entirely covered
	Image resolution Pixel size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Slice spacing \leq slice thickness (contiguous slices) Slice thickness, image size and location of DFOV constant within each series Matrix size: 512 x 512
	Further Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Avoid breathing or motion artifacts Avoid unnecessary metal artifacts Good signal/noise ratio Targeted organ and neighboring vessels should be well contrasted (use bolus tracking) Patient should have identical breathing phase and position throughout all scans
Additional information per specialty		
LUNG	Image resolution - Filters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field limits: entire lung 0,5 to 1,5mm slice thickness Mandatory to have soft and hard filter
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arterial time: use bolus tracking on the pulmonary trunk <p>Mandatory to differentiate arteries and veins</p>

LIVER	Image resolution – Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0,5 to 2 mm slice thickness • Field limits: from hepatic dome to below the kidneys
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterial phase: use bolus tracking from the beginning of the abdominal aorta. No contrast in the veins. <p>Mandatory to model arteries of the target organ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portal-venous phase: 50-60 sec after injection start <p>Mandatory to model liver segments</p> <p>In case of portal embolization, please send us an MRI or CT scan before embolization.</p>
COLON	Image resolution – Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0,5 to 2 mm slice thickness • Field limits: entire abdomen and pelvis
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterio-portal phase: 45 sec after injection start <p>Mandatory to differentiate arteries and veins</p> <p>Veins cannot be modeled if injection time is too early. Arteries cannot be modeled if injection time is too late.</p>
PANCREAS	Image resolution – Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0,5 to 2 mm slice thickness • Field limits: from hepatic dome to below the kidneys
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterial phase: use bolus tracking from the beginning of the abdominal aorta. No contrast in the veins. • Venous phase: 70 sec after injection start <p>Both injection times are mandatory</p>
ABDOMEN	Image resolution – Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0,5 to 2 mm slice thickness • Field limits: from hepatic dome to below the kidneys
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterial phase: use bolus tracking from the beginning of the abdominal aorta. No contrast in the veins. <p>Mandatory to model arteries of the target organ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venous phase: 70 sec after injection start
UROLOGY	Image resolution – Size	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0,5 to 1,5 mm slice thickness • Field limits: the entire urinary system and kidneys down to the bladder
	Injection time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arterial phase: 35 sec (or use bolus tracking placed at the beginning of the abdominal aorta) <p>Mandatory to model arteries of the target organ</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venous phase: 90 sec • Excretory phase: 5 min (use a diuretic), in case of pathology of excretory ducts



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MRI PROTOCOL

ALL ANATOMICAL AREAS	Data Format	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DICOM image series (only native images)
	Scan Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Targeted organ must be entirely covered
	Spatial resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High spatial resolution, favour 3D sequences Slice thickness as thin as possible (ideally $\leq 2\text{mm}$)
	Further Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phased array surface coils (torso) Good signal/noise ratio Avoid breathing or motion artifacts Avoid unnecessary metal artifacts Patient should have identical position throughout all scans
Additional information per specialty		
ABDOMEN	Sequence required to make a 3D model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3D dynamic injected sequences EG T1 GADO fat sat (LAVA), 2 mm slice thickness, with 3 or 4 acquisition phases (without injection, arterial, venous and late injection)
	LIVER*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T2 sequence EPI sequence (diffusion) T2 weighting SSFSE for biliary tract IP-OP according to the indication
		<i>*In case of portal embolization, please send us an MRI or CT scan before embolization.</i>