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CT LEG

LOW DOSE POST-OP

PROTOCOL FOR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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PRELIMINARY

This CT protocol consists of a localizer and a detailed axial scan of 3 regions of the lower extremity: ankle, knee and hip. The CT scan quality –with clear bony edges and details- is critical to the production of accurate patient-specific surgical instruments. Deviations from this protocol may result in an unusable scan and delay of the surgery.

Please contact the CUSTOMIMPLANTS® support team if further clarification is required.

Patient Preparation

- ▷ Remove any non-fixed metal prosthesis, jewelry, zippers and/or any other metal piece that may interfere with the region to be scanned.
- ▷ Inform the patient on the procedure.
- ▷ Make him/her comfortable but always minimizing the movement.
- ▷ Patient positioning: supine, feet first (SFF), patellae pointing forward and the knees in maximal extension, toes pointing straight up.
- ▷ Always place a marker on the contralateral knee (for indication left or right). Use a marker that does not hinder the quality of the CT scan.
- ▷ If an implant is present in the contra lateral knee, elevate the contra lateral knee to prevent artifacts appearing in the joint line of interest.

Recommendations for data collection

TABLE POSITION

Set the table height so that the area to be scanned is centered in the scan field. Do not raise or lower the CT table between slices. Do not alter the X or Y centering between scans. Center points must be identical.

FIELD OF VIEW (FOV)

Use the smallest FOV (25x25 max.) to capture the whole of the required bone regions. This will require a careful alignment of the leg to obtain femoral head, knee and talus.

Capturing all of the soft tissue is unnecessary, only bony regions are of interest.

Scan all slices with same FOV, reconstruction center and table height. (coordinate system).

BILATERAL IMAGES

Bilateral imaging can be obtained with a single acquisition.

GE users: if you do not have a pre-defined protocol, select "repeat series" between scan ranges. Do not select "add a group".

RECONSTRUCTION

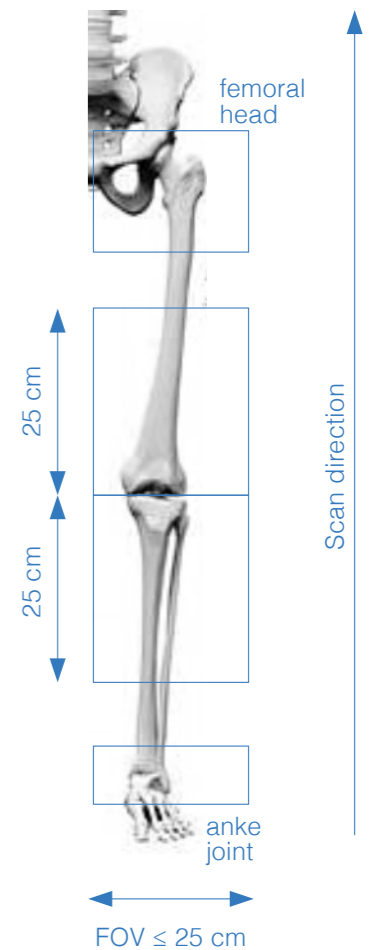
No secondary reconstructions; images must be scanned at the given parameters or more precise.

No reformatting into coronal or sagittal planes. No MRP's. No 3D reconstructions.

No obliqueness; no gantry tilt. No oblique reconstructions.

Scanning parameters

Region of interest Axial 1	Hip region: from below to above the femoral head.
Collimation	Slice Thickness: 3.00 mm Incremento de corte: 3.00mm (en corte contiguo)
kVp	90 (120 for obese patients or metal hardware in hip region)
mAs	As given by the automatic system
Pitch	2 or smaller
Field of View	20 cm or smaller (bilateral: 32 cm max.)
Matrix	512x512
Kernel/algorithm	Moderate/soft tissue (Do not use "bone")
Region of interest Axial 2	Knee: from 5cm below through 25cm above the knee joint.
Collimation	Slice thickness: 1.25mm-1.50mm Slice increment: 1.25mm-1.50 mm(contiguous slices)
kVp	120
mAs	As given by the automatic system
Pitch	1 or smaller
Field of View	25 cm or smaller (bilateral 32 cm max.)
Matrix	512x512
Kernel/algorithm	Moderate/soft tissue (Do not use "bone")
Region of interest Axial 3	Ankle región: a few cm's below and above the ankle joint
Collimation	Slice thickness: 3.0mm Slice increment: 3.0mm (contiguous slices)
kVp	90
mAs	As given by the automatic system
Pitch	2 or smaller
Field of View	25 cm or smaller (bilateral 32 cm max.)
Matrix	512x512
Kernel/algorithm	Moderate/soft tissue (Do not use "bone")



DATA MANAGEMENT

Your site should keep and archive (PACS) copy of the CT exams, in uncompressed DICOM format and the original scanning parameters.



- ▷ Provide 1 localizer + 1 complete data set of images.
- ▷ Only true axial scanning is required.
- ▷ For processing purposes, only uncompressed DICOM is accepted. No .jpg images or other formats are acceptable. Do not submit any other types of reconstructed or reformatted images.
- ▷ Lossy compression is NOT allowed. (ISO_10918_1, ISO_14495_1, ISO_15444_1 or ISO_13818_1).
- ▷ 3D images or similar that may seem beneficial for diagnosis are accepted, if available. Submit them separately.

- ▷ Do not erase patient name and ID.
- ▷ Ensure necessary rights are obtained for transfer of data to CUSTOMIMPLANTS®.
- ▷ Data will be anonymized by CUSTOMIMPLANTS® on receipt of the data, after cross-check with prescription of the surgeon to ensure images of the right patient are provided.



We recommend building a "CUSTOMIMPLANTS® leg-low dose post-op protocol" in your CT with the appropriate ranges and parameters.

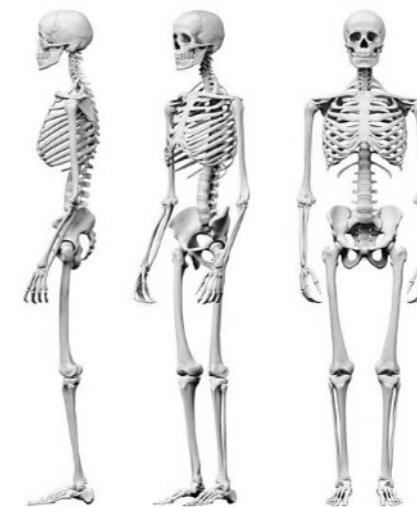
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