

RIH – IV CONTRAST ABDOMEN/PELVIS GE LIGHTSPEED VCT PROTOCOL

Indications – trauma, mass, mets, lymphoma, abscess, general screening.

Position/Landmark	Head first or feet first-Supine Xyphoid			
Topogram Direction	Craniocaudal			
Respiratory Phase	Inspiration			
Scan Type	Helical			
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Detector width x Rows = Beam Collimation	0.625mm x 64 = 40mm			
Average Tube Output	ctdi – 11.3mGy dlp – 616 mGy.cm			
Helical Set Slice Thickness/ Spacing Algorithm Recon Destination	recon	body part	thickness/ spacing	recon destination .
	1	iv abdomen/pelvis	5mm x 5mm	standard pacs
	2	thin abd/pelvis	.6mm x .6mm	standard for dmpr
Scan Start / End Locations	1 cm superior to diaphragm lesser trochanters 38cm			
DFOV	decrease appropriately			
IV Contrast Volume / Type / Rate	30mL Iohexol (Omnipaque 350) followed by 40mL of saline prior to scouts then 5 minute delay then 100mL Iohexol (Omnipaque 350) , 3mL/sec 55 second scan delay. When oral contrast is prescribed, refer to the appropriate oral contrast agent's preparation and procedure guide.			
Scan Delay	55 seconds			
2D/3D Technique Used	DMPR of 5mm x 5mm coronal abdomen/pelvis series (auto-batch on), average mode, auto-transferred to PACS.			
Comments:	The Bariatric protocol is this protocol with an oral prep of 4-6 oz of readicat 30 minutes before the ct exam. The ct scan should not be performed if the contrast was ingested more than an hour prior. The patient may take an additional 2 oz of readicat just prior to laying down on the ct table.			
Images required in PACS	Scouts, 5mm x 5mm axial abdomen/pelvis, 5mm x 5mm coronal abdomen/pelvis, Dose Report			