



CT / CTA: General Diagnostic Imaging (DI) Ordering Guide

Standardization Guide

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CT / CTA: General

- *This is for reference only. This does not imply protocol standards for all radiology facilities. Information is subject to change.*

Appointment Type	Indications	CPT
CT Angio Abdomen wwo contrast	o Renal artery aneurysm o Renal artery stenosis	74175
CT Angio Abd Pelvis wwo contrast	o Abdominal Aortic Dissection o Mesenteric Ischemia o Bowel Ischemia o Stent Obstruction * Thoracic Abdominal Aortic Dissection requires both codes	74174
CT Abdomen wo contrast	o F/U for patients with renal cell carcinoma in renal failure	74150
CT Abdomen wwo contrast		74170
CT Abd Pelvis wo contrast	o Flank Pain, Stone (Stone Study) * Please list a side: Right or Left*	74176
CT Abdomen w contrast		74160
CT Angio Chest wwo contrast	o Thoracic Aortic Dissection o Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm o Coarctation	71275
CT Angio Femoral Runoff wwo		75635
CT Angio Head wwo contrast	TIA, CVA, Vascular Malformation, Aneurysm, AVM (Arterio/Venous Malformation)	70496
CT Angio Lower Ext LT wwo	Peripheral Artery Disease, Ischemia, Arterial Stenosis	73706
CT Angio Lower Ext RT wwo		73706
CT Angio Neck wwo contrast	Carotid Stenosis, Bruit, TIA,CVA, Carotid Dissection	70498
CT Angio Pelvis wwo contrast		72191
CT Abd Pelvis wwo contrast		74178
CT Angio Upper Ext LT wwo	Peripheral Artery Disease, Ischemia, Arterial Stenosis	73206
CT Angio Upper Ext RT wwo	Peripheral Artery Disease, Ischemia, Arterial Stenosis	73206
CT Bilat Lower Ext w/o Cont	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion, Arthritis, Patello-Femoral Malalignment, Anteversion/Malrotation(Bilateral)	73700
CT Bilat Upper Ext w/o Cont	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion	73200
CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis w		71260/74177
CT Chest Abdomen Pelvis wo		71250/74176
CT Chest Abdomen w contrast		71260/74160
CT Chest Abdomen wo contrast		71250/74150
CT Chest wo contrast	Lung parenchyma, the hilar & mediastinal structures, as well as the pleura, bones & soft tissues. It can be used to further evaluate an abnormality seen on other imaging tests, such as a CXR, or to further evaluate patient's symptoms, such as persistent cough, hemoptosis, shortness of breath, chest pain or other chest related symptoms. It is commonly used to evaluate lung nodules and tumors, as well as to evaluate infections, emphysema, interstitial disease, chronic lung	71250
CT Chest w contrast		71260
CT Chest wwo contrast		71270
CT Cervical Spine wo contrast	Trauma, Fracture, Fusion Assess Bone Degenerative Changes *MRI recommended for disc herniation, mets,	72125
CT Cervical Spine w contrast		72126

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CT Cervical Spine wwo contrast		72127
CT Drainage		75989
CT Head wo contrast	Trauma Headaches CVA, Stroke Bleed, Hemorrhage Alzheimer's Memory Loss, Confusion Vertigo, Dizziness	70450
CT Head wwo contrast	Metastatic Staging, Mass, Tumor, Infection, Headache w/ associated Neurologic signs	70470
CT Lower Ext LT w contrast	Infection Tumor, Mass, Cancer, Mets (recommend MRI)	73701
CT Lower Ext LT wo contrast	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion	73700
CT Lower Ext RT wo contrast	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion	73700
CT Lower Ext RT w contrast	Infection Tumor, Mass, Cancer, Mets (recommend MRI)	73701
CT Lower Ext LT wwo contrast		73702
CT Lower Ext RT wwo contrast		73702
CT Limited		76380
CT Lumbar Spine wo contrast	Trauma, Fracture, Fusion, Assess Bony Degenerative	72131
CT Lumbar Spine w contrast		72132
CT Lumbar Spine wwo contrast		72133
CT Low Dose Lung 3-6 mo f/u		71250
CT Low Dose Lung Screen	About 1/3 the dose of a Routine Chest CT.	71271
CT Lung Scrn F/U<12mo w/o Con		71250
CT Orbits Sel Pf Tem wo contrast	Trauma, Fracture Foreign Body, Graves' Disease	70480
CT Orbits Sel Pf Tem w contrast		70487
CT Orbits Sel Pf Tem wwo contrast	Mass, Retinoblastoma	70488
CT Pelvis wo contrast	Fracture, Non-Union	72192
CT Pelvis w contrast		72193
CT Pelvis wwo contrast		72194
CT Sinus Maxf wo contrast	Trauma, Fracture, sinus disease including acute and chronic sinusitis, polyps, masses, postoperative evaluation. Usually	70486
CT Sinus Maxf w contrast	Cellulitis	70487
CT Sinus Maxf wwo contrast	Sinusitis, Osteomeatal Complex, Sinusitis, Polyps	70488
CT Soft Tissue Neck wo contrast	Hoarseness, Vocal Chord Paralysis, Voice Changes, nasopharynx, oropharynx, laryngopharynx, thyroid, lateral	70490
CT Soft Tissue Neck w contrast	Mass, Infection, Cancer Workups, Parotid Mass	70491
CT Soft Tissue Neck wwo contrast	Submandibular Stone, Infection of Submandibular Gland,	70492
CT Thoracic Spine wo contrast	Trauma, Fracture, Fusion, Assess Bony Degenerative	72128
CT Thoracic Spine w contrast		72129
CT Thoracic Spine wwo contrast		72130
CT Upper Ext LT w contrast	Infection Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets (recommend MRI)	73201
CT Upper Ext LT wo contrast	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion	73200
CT Upper Ext RT wo contrast	Fracture, Fusion, Non-Union/Malunion	73200
CT Upper Ext RT w contrast	Infection Tumor/Mass/Cancer/Mets (recommend MRI)	73201
CT Upper Ext LT wwo contrast		73202
CT Upper Ext RT wwo contrast		73202

CT ABDOMEN/PELVIS PROTOCOLS: REFERENCE GUIDE

CT ABDOMEN/PELVIS W/O: CPT CODE 74176

- Flank pain; R/O Kidney or Ureteral Stones
- Umbilical hernia
- If allergic to Contrast or Poor Renal Function

CT ABDOMEN W/O: CPT CODE 74150

- Hiatal hernia or Ventral hernia
- If allergic to Contrast or Poor Renal Function

CT ABDOMEN W/WO: CPT CODE 74170

- Pancreatic mass/cyst
- Renal/Adrenal mass
- Liver mass/hemangioma/cirrhosis

CT PELVIS W/: CPT CODE 72193

- Pelvic pain
- Mass

CTA ANGIO ABDOMEN W/WO: CPT CODE 74175

- Upper Abdominal Aorta
- Splenic Arteries/Superior Mesenteric Artery/Renal Arteries

CT ABDOMEN/PELVIS W/: CPT CODE 74177

- Generalized pain
- Diverticulitis/Appendicitis
- Hernia
- Mass/Abscess/Infection
- Obstruction
- Trauma

CT ABDOMEN W/: CPT CODE 74160

- Upper Abdomen Pain
- Pancreatitis

CT ABDOMEN/PELVIS W/WO: CPT CODE 74178

- Hematuria (CT Urogram)
- Question of stone vs any other abdominal/pelvic mass/pathology

CT PELVIS W/O: CPT CODE 72192

- Inguinal hernia
- Bladder trauma/rupture (CT Cystogram)
- Bony abnormalities/pain/trauma

CTA ANGIO ABDOMEN/PELVIS W/WO: CPT CODE 74174

- AAA/Aortic Dissection
- Eval Renal Arteries/Renal Artery Stenosis
- Ischemic Bowel