

UT Southwestern Department of Radiology

Protocol Name: CTA Chest/Abd/Pel (dual source)

Orderable Name: CT ANGIOGRAM AORTA ENTIRE W AND/OR WO IV CONTRAST

Adult Only

Epic Button: CTA Chest/Abd/Pel (dual source)

CTDIvol < 60 mGy

Indications: Thoracic and/or Abdominal aortic aneurysm, Pre-op

Acquisitions: 2

Active Protocol

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| Oral Contrast: None | IV Contrast: Link to Contrast Information Rate (ml/sec): 4 Volume (ml): 100 IV Access: Power injection: 20g or larger in large vein (prefer AC fossa or forearm) Notes: Bolus tracking: 150 HU in ascending aorta @ aortic arch, initiate scan immediately after trigger. (send bolus tracker to PACS). | Other Contrast: None | Airway Acquire on inspiration. Other Notes Read by VIR division or Cardiothoracic division. Consult body habitus kVp selection chart. UTSW: Check attenuation of the suprarenal aorta on the arterial phase at the time of scan. If HU< 250 HU, call radiologist to determine next steps and document in tech note. |
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Last Change: 2/21/2025

Last Review: 2/21/2025

Links: [kVp Body Chart](#)

[General Statements](#)

[CTA aorta parameter table 8-22 update](#)

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| Special Instructions | Use FLASH mode prospective ECG triggered @ 35% RR No breathing instructions. | Acquire in dual energy mode. Acquire on inspiration. |
| Acq # / Series Name | 1 Arterial | 2 Arterial |
| Phase Timing | Bolus Tracking | Minimum delay |
| Acquisition Protocol | Vascular | Vascular |
| Coverage | Base of neck to lesser trochanters | Base of neck to lesser trochanters |
| FOV | Skin to skin at widest portion of patient | Skin to skin at widest portion of patient |
| Algorithm | Soft Tissue | Soft Tissue |
| Axial Recons | 2 mm, Volume | 2mm, Volume |
| Other Planar Recons | 2mm coronal and sagittal | 2mm coronal and sagittal |
| MIP Recons | 7x2mm axial, sagittal and coronal | 7x2mm axial, sagittal and coronal |
| †DECT Philips | | |
| †DECT Siemens | | MonoE 50 keV |
| †PC-CT Siemens | | |

† When dual energy (DE) or photon counting (PC) CT is used

