

UT Southwestern Department of Radiology

Protocol Name: Wrist CT

Orderable Name: CT UPPER EXTREMITY LEFT WO IV CONTRAST
CT UPPER EXTREMITY RIGHT WO IV CONTRAST

Adult Only

Epic Button: Wrist

CTDIvol < 15 mGy

Indications: Trauma, Degenerative arthropathy, intra-articular bodies

Acquisitions: 1

Active Protocol

Oral Contrast: None	IV Contrast: None	Other Contrast: None	Airway
			Other Notes *Place a marker at the site of most concern. Position: Prone, arm over head, palm flat on table. Use Right/Left orderable based on protocol or side indicated in reason for exam. Metal (FOV): Use 140 KVp.

Last Change: 1/13/2023

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Links: [General Statements](#) [Positioning Reference](#)

Special Instructions	Use 4mm cor/sag if large patient or metal in FOV.	Do not repeat CT scan, recon soft tissue from 1st acquisition, send soft tissue kernel volume to TeraRecon Use 4mm cor/sag if large patient or metal in FOV.
Acq # / Series Name	1 Noncontrast	N/A Noncontrast
Phase Timing		N/A
Acquisition Protocol		Recon Only
Coverage	See illustration - Proximal metacarpals through distal radial / ulnar metaphysis	Same
FOV	Whole wrist	Same
Algorithm	Bone	Soft Tissue
Axial Recons	2 mm	3 mm, Volume
Other Planar Recons	2 mm coronal and sagittal (see illustration)	3 mm coronal and sagittal (see illustration)
MIP Recons		
†DECT Philips	Gout maps (cor/sag), BM edema, SBI	
†DECT Siemens	Gout maps (cor/sag), BM edema, low/high kVp, mono E 100, mono E 120	
†PC-CT Siemens		

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

