

ROUTINE ABDOMEN/PELVIS WITH IV CONTRAST ONLY

DX: SUSPECTED ACUTE APPENDICITIS, ANY ABDOMINAL PAIN, FUO, WEIGHT LOSS, BOWEL OBSTRUCTION, NAUSEA/VOMITING/DIARRHEA, PANCREATITIS, ELEVATED LIPASE/AMYLASE, EPIGASTRIC PAIN, PSEUDOCYST, ELEVATED LFTS, FOLLOW-UP AAA

PREP: NONE

Localizer(s)	Frontal (Lateral if required)
Scan Series	Abdomen/Pelvis
Scan Phase	Portal venous
Instruction	Inspiration
Contrast Agent	300, 350, or 370
Volume/Rate	80ml(370) - 100ml(300)/3.0-3.5ml per sec
Contrast Delay	80 sec
Start	Above diaphragms
End	Below symphysis pubis
Scan Type	Helical
kVp	100-130
Target CTDIvol	<15 mGy
Max CTDIvol	25 mGy
Max Scan Time	26 sec
Pitch	0.9-1.75:1
DFOV	To body wall
Send to PACS	AX 1x1 standard
	COR 2x2 standard
	SAG 3x3 standard