

CT IVC (Inferior Vena Cava)

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Indications - IVC, iliac or renal vein thrombus, malfunctioning IVC filter.

Use CT AP w/ + w/o Contrast. Do not use CT Angio Combo AP w/ + w/o Contrast charge.

GENERAL SCAN NOTES

Move the patient's arms over his/her head if possible. Remove any metal from the imaging field of view.

Topogram - lung bases through pubic symphysis (obtained during end inspiration).

Craniocaudal scan coverage - lung bases through pubic symphysis on both phases (obtained during end inspiration).

If only the abdomen is ordered, only image the abdomen regardless of what coverage areas below indicate.

Adjust FOV (field of view) on topogram to smallest without cropping anatomy.

IV Contrast:

Administer weight-based **Omnipaque-300** - 1 mL/kg up to 150 mL (100 mL minimum).

Inject at **2.5 mL/sec**.

Oral Contrast: generally not given for this protocol.

For **GE scanners**, it is essential for the 1st recon thickness on the scanner to match the 1st recon thickness in this protocol book for the prescribed Noise Index to be valid. The 1st recon should generally be the thickest recon in the protocol.

SIEMENS PARAMETERS & RECONS

For the **Pre Contrast** and **Delay (120 secs)** phases:

	Scan Mode	kV	mAs	Care Dose	Care kV & Lvl	Pitch	Acq	Coll	Rot Time	Scan Time
Sensation 16	spiral	120	200	on	NA	0.80	16	1.5	0.5	13.0
Go Up 32	spiral	130	92	on	on 145	0.80	32	0.7	0.8	22.3
Sensation 64	spiral	120	200	on	NA	1.20	24	1.2	0.5	7.2
Definition 64	spiral	120	180	on	on	0.60	64	0.6	0.5	21.7
Go Top 64	spiral	120	112	on	on 145	0.80	64	0.6	0.5	8.1
Drive 128	spiral	120	147	on	on	0.60	128	0.6	0.5	10.9
Force 192	spiral	120	147	on	on	0.60	192	0.6	0.5	7.2

PRE CONTRAST

Name of Series	Thick	Interval	Kernel	Window	IR Lvl	Recon Anatomy
AX PRE	3.0	3.0	Br40 / B41f	mediastinum	3	head/feet

DELAY PHASE (120 secs)

AX 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	Br40 / B41f	mediastinum	3	head/feet
COR 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	Br40 / B41f	mediastinum	3	front/back
SAG 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	Br40 / B41f	mediastinum	3	left/right

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GE PARAMETERS & RECONS

For the Pre Contrast and Delay (120 secs) phases:

	Scan Type	SFOV	kV	mA Range	Noise Index	Smart mA	Slice Thick	Beam Coll	Pitch	Speed	Rot Time	Dose Red	ASIR	Scan Time
LS 16	helical	large	120	50-440	16.36	on	2.5	20	1.375	27.50	0.6	NA	NA	10.9
Opt 540	helical	large	120	50-440	16.36	on	2.5	20	1.375	27.50	0.6	NA	NA	10.9
LS VCT 64	helical	large body	120	50-650	16.36	on	2.5	40	1.375	55.00	0.5	50	50	4.5
Disc VCT 64	helical	large body	120	50-650	16.36	on	2.5	40	1.375	55.00	0.5	NA	NA	4.5

PRE CONTRAST

Name of Series	Thickness	Interval	Recon Algorithm	Window Width/Level	Recon Direction
AX PRE	2.5	2.5	std full	400/40	head/feet

Must be first recon.

DELAY PHASE (120 secs)

AX 120 SECS	2.5	2.5	std full	400/40	head/feet
COR 120 SECS	2.5	2.5	std full	400/40	front/back
SAG 120 SECS	2.5	2.5	std full	400/40	left/right

Must be first recon.

PHILIPS PARAMETERS & RECONS

For the Pre Contrast and Delay (120 secs) phases:

	Scan Mode	kV	Avg mAs	Dose Index	3D Dose	Pitch	Detect	Colli	Rot Time	Scan Time
Incisive 128	helical	120	115	20	on	1.00	64	0.625	0.75	9.4

PRE CONTRAST

AX PRE	3.0	3.0	B	mediastinum	3	head/feet
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DELAY PHASE (120 secs)

Name of Series	Thick	Interval	Filter	Window	iDose	Recon Direction
AX 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	B	mediastinum	3	head/feet
COR 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	B	mediastinum	3	front/back
SAG 120 SECS	3.0	3.0	B	mediastinum	3	left/right