

CT ORDERING GUIDE

Body Part		Reason for exam	Oral prep	IV contrast	Procedure to pre-cert	CPT code
Chest/Thorax	General Chest	Chest Pain Shortness of Breath Pulmonary Emboli	None	Yes	CTA CHEST W IV	71275
		Pneumonia Cough	None	Yes	CT THORAX/CHEST W IV	71260
		Lung Nodule	None	None	CT THORAX/CHEST W/O CONTRAST	71250
	Cancer restaging	Cancer Restaging (any cancer) Chest mass Esophageal Cancer	None Oral	Yes	CT THORAX/CHEST W IV	71260
	Hi Resolution	Interstitial Disease Fibrosis Bronchiectasis COPD/Emphysema	None	None	CT THORAX/CHEST W/O CONTRAST - Please specify Hi resolution protocol only	71250
		Hemoptysis Sarcoidosis	None	Yes	CT THORAX/CHEST W IV - Please specify additional series with Hi resolution reconstructions	71260
Abdomen/ Pelvis	General	Abdominal Pain Mass All Cancer Staging (Except melanoma or carcinoid)	Yes	Yes	CT ABDOMEN & PELVIS W CONTRAST	74160 and 72193
		Cancer Staging Melanoma and Carcinoid	Yes	Yes	CT ABDOMEN AND PELVIS W & WO CONTRAST	74170 and 72193
	Gastrointestinal	Crohns Disease Ulcerative Colitis IBD Appendicitis Diverticulitis Abscess Hernia (ventral, umbilical, inguinal) Obstruction	Yes	Yes	CT ABDOMEN & PELVIS W CONTRAST	74160 and 72193
		Colon Protocol (Colon Cancer, poly, post surgical)	Yes Rectal contrast	Yes	CT ABDOMEN & PELVIS W CONTRAST (Please order with Rectal Contrast)	74160 and 72193
	Liver	Post Embolization Hemangioma Hepatoma Hepatitis Cirrhosis	Yes	Yes	CT ABDOMEN W & W/O CONTRAST	74170
	Renal	Stone Study	None	None	CT ABDOMEN PELVIS W/O CONTRAST	74150 and 72192
		Hematuria painless Transitional Cell Carcinoma of Kidney Renal Mass (Cyst vs. Solid)	Yes	Yes	CT ABDOMEN AND PELVIS W & WO CONTRAST	74170 and 72193
	Adrenal	Adrenal Mass	Water	Yes	CT ABDOMEN W & W/O CONTRAST	74170
	Pancreas	Pancreatic Mass Pancreatitis	Water	Yes	CT ABDOMEN W & W/O CONTRAST	74170
	Bladder	Tumor staging and follow up	Water	Yes	CT ABDOMEN & PELVIS W CONTRAST	74160 and 72193

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CT Angiography	Abdominal Aorta	Aneurysm (diagnosis and surgical planning) Mesenteric ischemia Renal artery stenosis	Water or None	Yes	CTA ABDOMEN W IV	74175
	Aorta	Dissection Intramural hematoma Complicated aneurysm Chest pain	None	Yes	CT CHEST, ABDOMEN AND PELVIS WITHOUT + CTA CHEST W IV AND CTA ABDOMEN W IV (Please order both exams)	71250, 74150, 72192 71275 and 74175
	Pulmonary arteries	Pulmonary embolism Pulmonary hypertension Hemoptysis	None	Yes	CTA CHEST W IV	71275
	Lower extremities	Peripheral Artery Disease	None	Yes	CTA PELVIS W/RUNOFFS	75635
Musculoskeletal	Upper and Lower Extremities	Pain Arthritis Fracture Fusion Malunion	None	None	CT EXTREMITY UPPER W/O BONE ROUT OR EXT LOWER W/O CONTRAST	73200 or 73700
	Upper and Lower Extremities	Infection Tumor/mass/cancer	None	Yes	CT EXT UPPER W/IV OR EXT LOWER W/CONTRAST	73201 or 73701
	Spine	Pain Fracture Trauma Fusion	None	None	SPINE CERVICAL W/O CONTRAST THORACIC SPINE W/O CONTRAST LUMBAR SPINE W/O CONTRAST	72125 or 72128 or 72131
		Infection Mass (If MRI contraindicated)	None	Yes	CERVICAL SPINE W/CONTRAST THORACIC SPINE W/CONTRAST LUMBAR SPINE W/CONTRAST	72126 or 72129 or 72132
	Pelvis/Hips/Acetabulum	Pain Fracture Arthritis	None	None	CT PELVIS W/O CONTRAST	72192
		Tumor Infection	None	Yes	CT PELVIS W/IV CONTRAST	72193