
Diagnostic Services- Radiology

SUBJECT/TITLE: **Protocol to Identify Appropriate Abdominal Radiographs**

Policy:

Appropriate abdominal imaging should be completed according to the patient indication as defined by the protocol. Technologists may change the order based upon the patient indication using the protocol order function in the EMR.

Exams/Indications:

1. **AP Supine**
 - evaluation [for radiopaque foreign bodies](#)
 - monitoring the passage of [contrast through the bowel](#)
 - a preliminary evaluation of [bowel gas in an emergent setting](#)
2. **Upright and Supine-**
 - evaluation for postprocedural intraperitoneal/retroperitoneal [free gas](#)
 - monitoring the amount of bowel gas in [postoperative ileus](#)
 - evaluation of [bowel distention](#)
3. **AP and Decubitus**
 - Performed secondary to [assess for free air](#) when a patient is unsafe to stand for Upright projection
 - Recommended to be performed in the radiology department, as portables are less optimal

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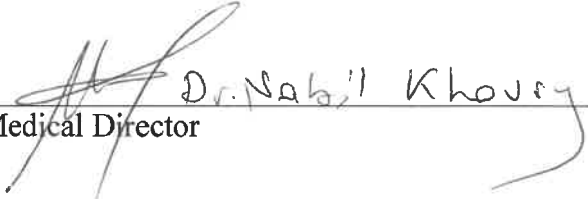
- Monitoring of renal Stones
 - Post op stent placement
4. **Lateral**
 - Often used as a problem-solving view during the [identification and localization of foreign bodies](#)
 - Standard projection is performed standing however, if patient is unable to stand a cross table lateral projection can be performed.

Process for Changing Order According to Indication:

Technologists may change the order based upon the clinical indication using the protocol order function in the EMR. To do this, the technologist will:

1. Use the "Change Order" function in the "Verify Orders" tab
2. In the menu of reasons for changing the order, select "Other".
3. In the free text box, type "Per Protocol"

Approved by:

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