

Waarvoor liever geen CT?

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CT relative contra-indications



- Young age
- Pregnancy
- Contrast allergy
- Weight/girth







Referring Physician Ordering Guide: What to Order When

The radiologists at Radia have developed the following scanning guidelines for our referring providers to assist you in selecting the most effective imaging modality for your patient's clinical presentation. This booklet is intended only as a guideline. To schedule a study or consult with a radiologist, please call 877-997-2342.

NEURORADIOLOGY ORDERING GUIDELINES

BRAIN

Indication	Preferred Study		
Headache	CT head without contrast for acute ("worst headache of life"). MRI without contrast		
Trauma	CT head without contrast (acute). Concussion/TBI: MRI without and with contrast with DTI		
Suspected intracranial hemorrhage	CT head without contrast		
Acute neurological changes	CT head without contrast (only if concern for ICH) Subsequent study MRI with and without contrast		
Acute stroke/TIA	CT head without contrast (if candidate for thrombolysis) Subsequen studies: MRI brain with /without contrast (with MR perfusion), M brain and MRA neck without and with contrast as indicated		
Hydrocephalus	If concern for shunt malfunction CT head without contrast. Alternative for more acute processes: MRI with and without contrast		
Seizure	First (New Onset) seizures: MRI Brain with and without contrast (CT Head if patient unstable / concern for ICH).		
Temporal lobe epilepsy	MRI without and with contrast with hippocampal volumes. Brain SPECT as needed		
Dementia / Memory loss	MRI brain with & without contrast (Hippocampal volumetrics (Alzheimer's disease), perfusion, aqueductal stroke volume measuremen (NPH)). PET can also be considered for Alzheimer's diagnosis		

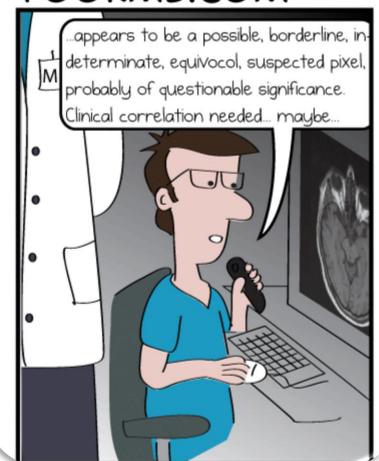
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Headache



- First Presentation
- Worst headache of my life / thunderclap headache
- Primary vs secondary cause of headache

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Headache



The sensitivity for CT-based diagnosis of subarachnoid haemorrhage was 92.9%, the specificity was **100%**. When the CT was acquired within 6 h of disease onset, sensitivity was increased to **100%**.



Headache



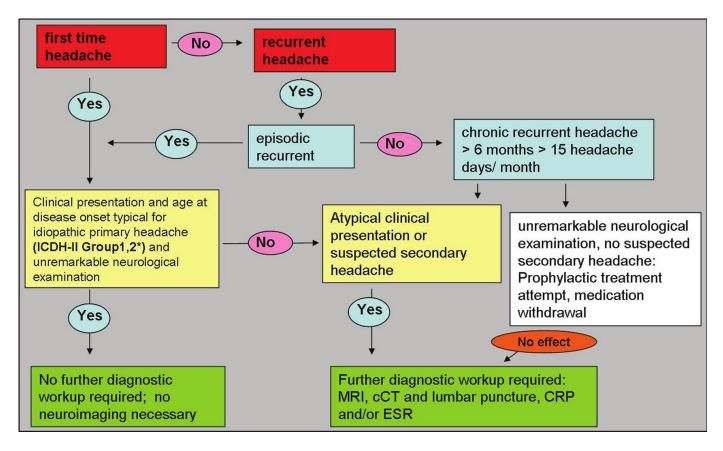


Figure 1. Decision tree for neuroimaging in headache.

*ICHD-II Group 1: migraine; Group 2: tension-type headache. CRP, C-reactive protein; cCT, cerebral computed tomography; ESR, erythrocyte sedimentation rate; ICHD, International Classification of Headache Disorders; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.





Which neuroimaging should be performed in non acute headache?

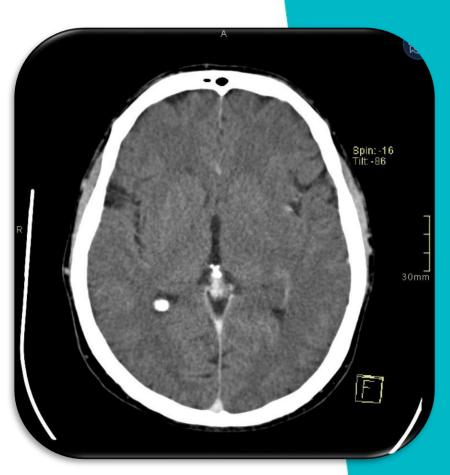
Data are insufficient regarding the relative sensitivity of MRI compared with CT in nonacute headaches. However, MRI offers a greater resolution and discrimination and might therefore be the preferred method of choice in nonacute headache. In addition, radiation due to CT scanning may be avoided.







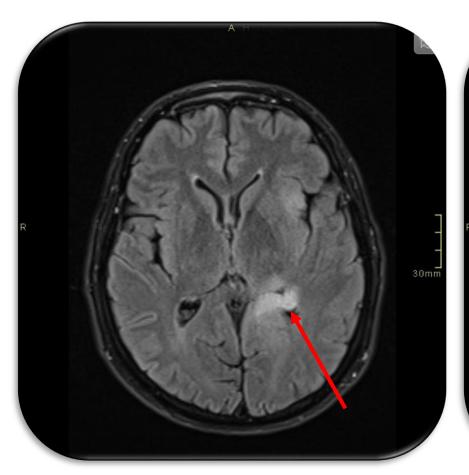


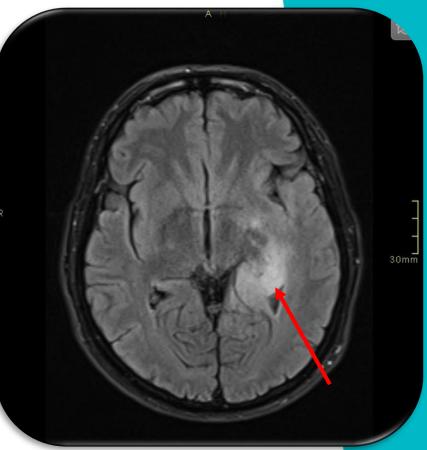






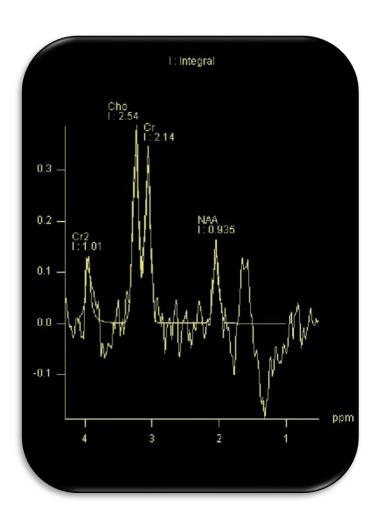
















Indications for CT?

- To rule out intracranial haemorraghe
- Ventricular size
- Fracture
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Peripheral causes

- Acute labyrinthitis
- Acute vestibular neuronitis (vestibular neuritis)
- Benign positional paroxysmal vertigo (benign positional vertigo)
- Cholesteatoma
- Herpes zoster oticus (Ramsay Hunt syndrome)
- Ménière's disease (Ménière's syndrome, endolymphatic hydrops)
- Otosclerosis
- Perilymphatic fistula





Central causes

- Neoplastic lesions
- Schwannoma (acoustic neuroma) meningioma
- Arachnoid cyst
- Epidermoid cyst
- Leptomeningeal neoplastic seeding lipoma
- Hemangioma
- Non-neoplastic lesions
- Sarcoidosis
- Meningitis
- Vascular loop
- Siderosis
- Intra-axial auditory pathways
- Ischemic lesions
- Neoplastic lesions
- Traumatic lesions
- Demyelinating lesions





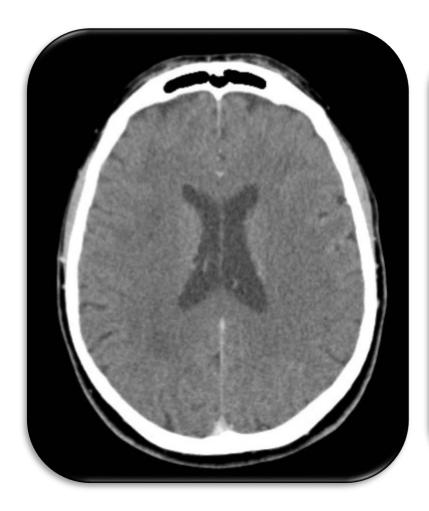
Table 1: Rating of techniques: Clinical condition—vertigo and hearing loss*

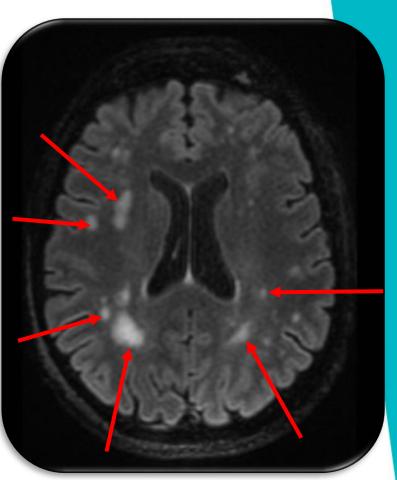
	MRI head and internal auditory canal without and with contrast	MRI head and internal auditory canal without contrast	CT temporal bone without contrast	CT head without and with contrast	MRA head with or without contrast	CTA head
Sensorineural hearing loss, acute and intermittent vertigo	8	7	6 [†]	3	N/A	N/A
Sensorineural hearing loss, no vertigo	8	7	5	4	N/A	N/A
Conductive hearing loss, rule out petrous bone abnormality	3	3 [‡]	8	3	N/A	N/A
Total deafness, cochlear implant candidate, surgical planning	5	5	9	3	N/A	N/A
Fluctuating hearing loss, history of meningitis or to rule out congenital anomaly	7	7	8	4	N/A	N/A
Episodic vertigo, new onset (hours to days)	7	6	4	5	6	5
Vertigo, no hearing loss, normal findings on neurologic examination	8	7	5	4	N/A	N/A

Note: MRI: Magnetic resonance imaging; MRA: MR angiography; CTA: CT angiography; N/A: Not rated; *Appropriateness criteria scale from 1 to 9; 1 indicates least appropriate; **Most appropriate; †For possible cholesteatoma with labyrinthine fistula; †MR imaging is superior to CT for the detection of dural invasion and extradural extension











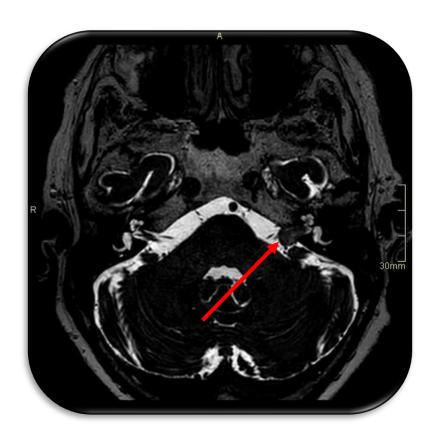








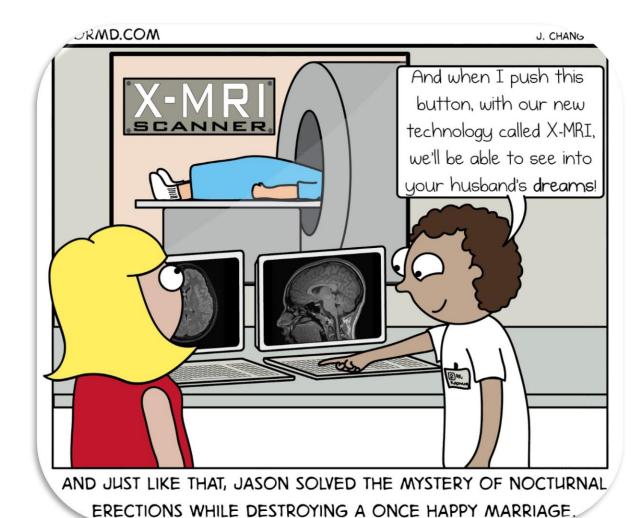
















Causes of right upper quadrant (RUQ) abdominal pain

RUQ	Clinical features	Comments	
Biliary			
Biliary colic	Intense, dull discomfort located in the RUQ or epigastrium. Associated with nausea, vomiting, and diaphoresis. Generally lasts at least 30 minutes, plateauing within 1 hour. Benign abdominal examination.	Patients are generally well-appearing	
Acute cholecystitis	Prolonged (>4 to 6 hours) RUQ or epigastric pain, fever. Patients will have abdominal guarding and Murphy's sign.		
Acute cholangitis	Fever, jaundice, RUQ pain.	May have atypical presentation in older adults or immunosuppressed patients.	
Sphincter of Oddi dysfunction	RUQ pain similar to other biliary pain.	Biliary type pain without other apparent causes.	
Hepatic			
Acute hepatitis	RUQ pain with fatigue, malaise, nausea, vomiting, and anorexia. Patients may also have jaundice, dark urine, and light-colored stools.	Variety of etiologies include hepatitis A, alcohol, and drug-induced.	
Perihepatitis (Fitz-Hugh-Curtis syndrome)	RUQ pain with a pleuritic component, pain is sometimes referred to the right shoulder.	Aminotransferases are usually normal or only slightly elevated.	
Liver abscess	Fever and abdominal pain are the most common symptoms.	Risk factors include diabetes, underlying hepatobiliary or pancreatic disease, or liver transplant.	
Budd-Chiari syndrome	Symptoms include fever, abdominal pain, abdominal distention (from ascites), lower extremity edema, jaundice, gastrointestinal bleeding, and/or hepatic encephalopathy.	Variety of causes.	
Portal vein thrombosis	Symptoms include abdominal pain, dyspepsia, or gastrointestinal bleeding.	Clinical manifestations depend on extent of obstruction and speed of development. Most commonly associated with cirrhosis.	





- Acute cholecystitis (AC) is the primary diagnostic concern in the setting of acute right upper quadrant pain. It may be life threatening, so correct, timely diagnosis is essential for proper treatment.
- Ultrasound for AC: sensitivity of 88% and specificity of 80%,
- MRI can be the next best imaging modality when AC is excluded, and it
 is considered the best modality for evaluating hepatic and biliary
 abnormalities that are not characterized by ultrasound.
- CT can confirm or refute the diagnosis of AC in equivocal cases and reveal such **complications** as gangrene, gas formation, intraluminal hemorrhage, and perforation





Gallstones

- Cholesterol (10%)
 - >50% cholesterol contents; form with supersaturation of bile, nucleation and stone growth
- Mixed (80%)
 20-50% cholesterol content
- Pigment stones (10%)
 - <20% cholesterol content; high bilirubin content and occur when there is supersaturation of unconjugated bilirubin

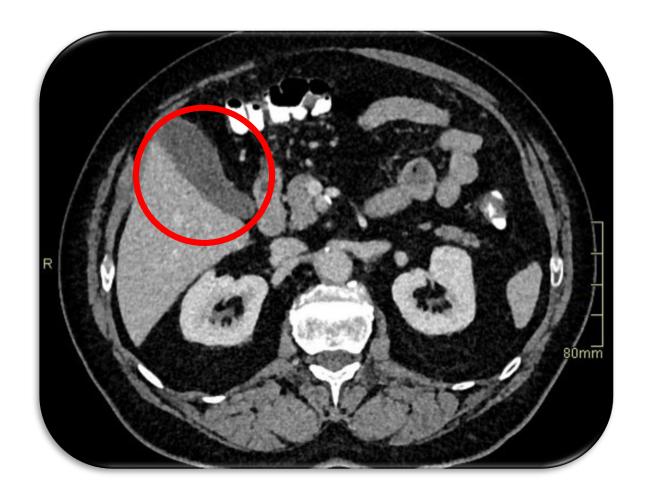




- Gallstones occur in \sim 10% of the population with a predominance in women (F:M = 2:1). The prevalence increases with age in both sexes.
- Approximately 15%–20% of gallstones contain enough calcium to be visible on plain radiographs.
- Ultrasound remains the method of choice for detection of gallstones,
 offering several advantages: high sensitivity and accuracy (>95%),
 noninvasiveness, the option of performing a bedside examination, lack of
 ionizing radiation and relatively low cost.

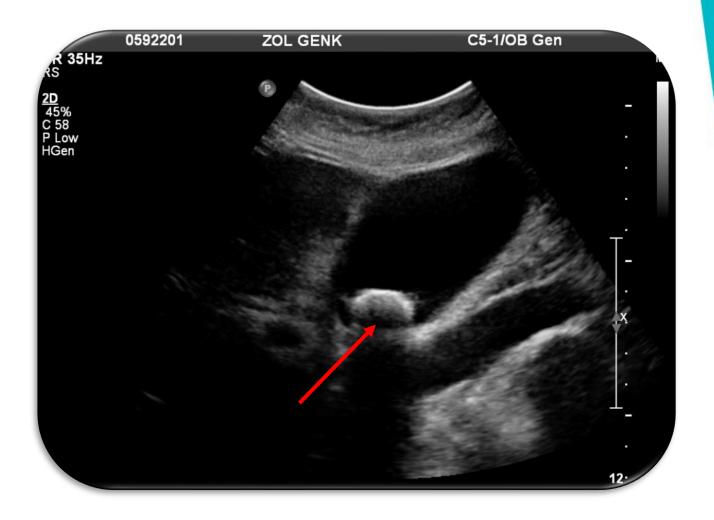






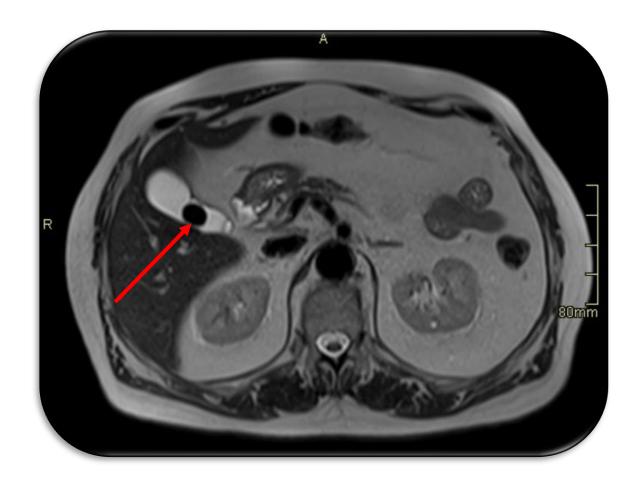














Prostate pathology



Table 1. A summary of clinical usage, advantages, and disadvantages across imaging modalities for PCa imaging.

IMAGING MODALITY	CLINICAL USAGE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES	FUTURE
Ultrasound-based	Initial detection and diagnosis	Office-based, widely available, inexpensive, real-time imaging	Limited tissue contrast between cancerous and benign tissue	mpUS-based approach (RTE, CEUS) may improve contrast
mpMRI-based	Initial diagnosis and recurrence, active surveillance, staging, metastatic involvement	Excellent tissue contrast for identification of clinically significant PCa	Expensive due to in-bore time, lack of real-time imag-ing, requires advanced training	Alternative in-bore options with real-time imaging being developed
mpMRI-ultrasound fusion-based	Initial detection and diagnosis, active surveillance	Office-based, com- bines multimodality information	Relatively costly, requires either fusion-device specific training or ample experience to perform cognitive fusion, registration errors during MRI-ultrasound fusion	Gaining popularity globally, but further improvements to mini- mize registration errors needed
PET-based	Staging, recurrence, metastatic spread	Offers ancillary informa- tion for tumor staging, characterization and metastatic involvement	Expensive, technological (e.g. attenuation correction) and/or clinical challenges (e.g. radiation exposure)	Development of spe- cific radionuclides is an ongoing endeavor

CT is not accurate at detecting in situ prostate cancer. Scans of the abdomen and pelvis are commonly obtained before the onset of radiation therapy to identify bony landmarks for planning. In **advanced disease**, CT scan is the test of choice to **detect** enlarged pelvic and retroperitoneal **lymph nodes**, hydronephrosis and osteoblastic **metastases**.





Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia

- **Ultrasound** has become the standard first line investigation after the urologist's finger.
- CT not typically used to assess the prostate, BPH is more frequently an incidental finding.



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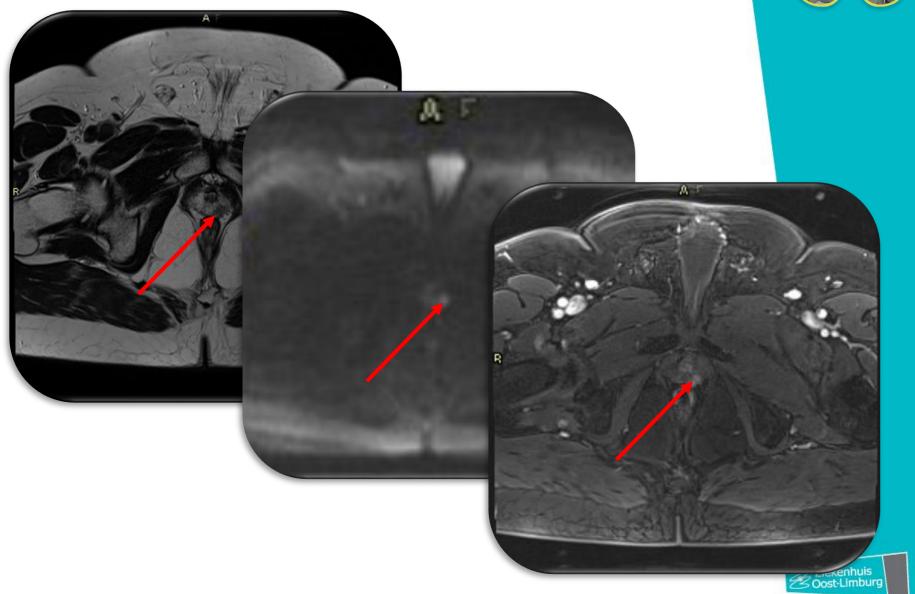




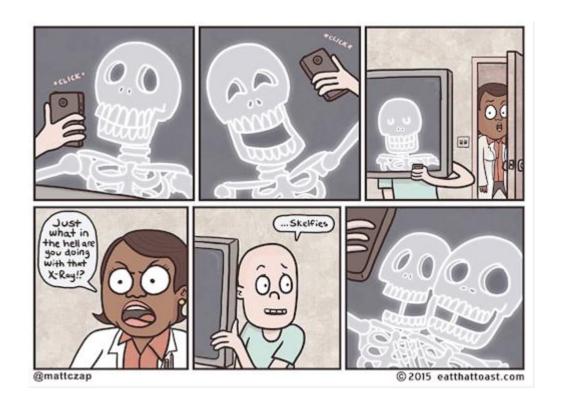


Prostate pathology











Axial Spondyloarthropathy



- Radiographic changes reflect structural damage rather than active inflammation, which may delay the diagnosis by several years.
- MRI can serve as a biomarker of disease activity, allows monitoring, and can provide guidance for the treatment of affected patients.
- The new Assessment of SpondyloArthritis international Society (ASAS)
 criteria, which include MRI findings, facilitate early diagnosis and
 assessment of treatment response because of the capacity of MRI to
 help detect active inflammation.



Axial Spondyloarthropathy



Table 1	
ASAS Criteria for the Classification of Axial Spondyloarthropatl	hу

Criteria Clinical Features of Spondyloarthropathy

Acute inflammation at MR imaging with bone marrow edema or osteitis, or definite radiographic changes according to the modified New York criteria, plus at least one clinical feature of spondyloarthropathy

Inflammatory back pain, arthritis, enthesitis (heel), uveitis, dactylitis, psoriasis, Crohn disease/colitis, good response to NSAIDs, family history of spondyloarthropathy, HLA-B27, elevated CRP level

Presence of HLA-B27 and at least two other clinical features of spondyloarthropathy

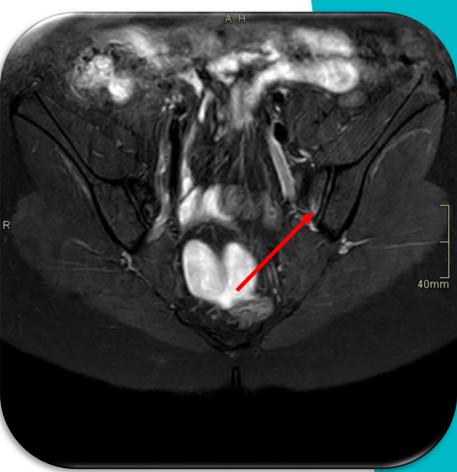
Note.—Criteria apply to patients with at least a 3-month history of back pain who are less than 45 years old at the onset of pain. CRP = C-reactive protein, NSAID = nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drug.

MR imaging is becoming the **standard of reference** for the imaging of sacroiliitis. It helps detect **acute inflammatory** changes and can reveal **preradiographic disease**, allowing early diagnosis and treatment of sacroiliitis. In addition, MR imaging can help quantify inflammatory activity and can be used as a biomarker for activity and as a guide for the treatment of sacroiliitis, as well as an objective measure for monitoring in clinical trials.







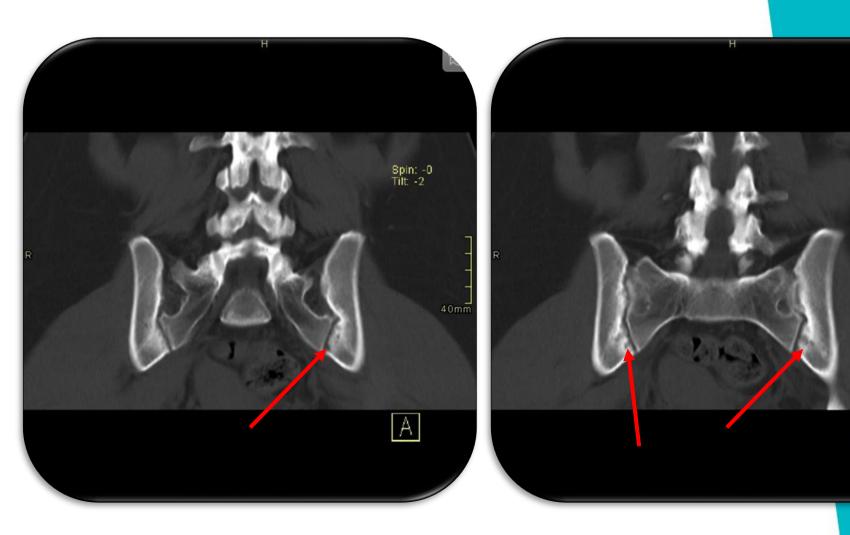




Sacro-iliitis



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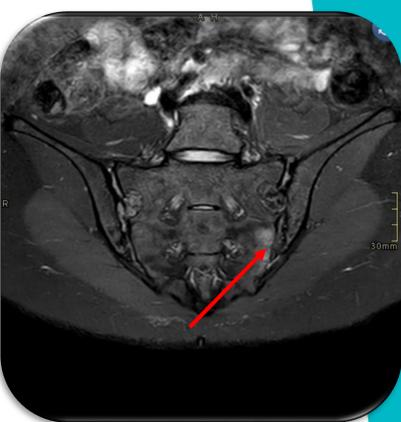


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Common causes of adult knee pain

- Patellofemoral dysfunction
- Past Trauma: ligamentous sprains or meniscal tear
- Osteoarthritis
- Baker cyst
- Bursitis
- Inflammatory arthritis
- Septic arthritis
- Gout, pseudogout





Plain Films Reveal Bony Abnormalities

- Osteoarthritis
 - Joint space narrowing Sclerosis
 - Subchondral cysts
 - Spurring of tibial spines
 - Osteophytes
- Loose bodies
- Chondrocalcinosis
- Fracture





CT Provides Cortical Detail

- Occult fractures
- Fracture fragment location
- Tumors
 - Periosteal reaction
 - Small amounts of calcification





MRI Provides Definition of Soft Tissue

- Tendonitis or tendon tears
- Articular cartilage
- Meniscustears
- Bone bruise/marrow edema
- Strains
- Cysts
- Bursitis
- Tumors
- Osteonecrosis





- MR imaging enables the most comprehensive imaging assessment of the knee and when performed early after injury, MR imaging is both cost-effective.
- Radiographs may demonstrate an acute fracture but commonly are either negative or may demonstrate indirect signs of an acute soft-tissue injury.
- CT is usually reserved for diagnosis of suspected fractures or assessment of
 complex fractures, although associated ligamentous injuries may be evident.

 Dual-energy CT has also been evaluated in imaging of the musculoskeletal system,
 principally for evaluation in patients with suspected gout. Preliminary studies using
 dual-energy CT have shown a high sensitivity and specificity for detection of bone
 marrow edema in traumatic knee injuries and some success with imaging
 of ACL injuries.







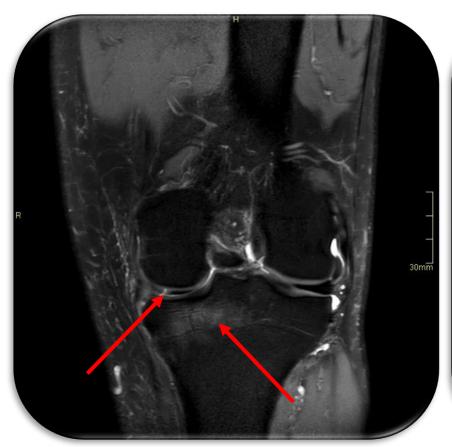




























Bottom Line

- CT, the future looks bright
- But...it ain't all sunshine and rainbows (Rocky Balboa)





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Dank u voor uw aandacht

