

# Rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer - Is your Imaging EuroSafe?

## Introduction

"**Is your Imaging EuroSafe?**" comprises a series of monthly surveys on CT DRLs for different indications, which are being carried out by the [EuroSafe Imaging campaign](#), coordinated by the [European Society of Radiology](#).

The surveys focus on the assessment of the status quo in CT practice in Europe, with the ultimate aim of increasing awareness about radiation protection among medical professionals and establishing benchmarks.

For more details on "Is your Imaging EuroSafe?" please [click here](#).

The individual surveys on the different indications will be released monthly in the ESR News. It will take you 5-10 minutes to complete each survey.

This present survey focuses on Chest CT for rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer. Later on, we will also publish surveys on a monthly basis on the following indications:

- **CT head**: acute stroke (published in November 2014), acute head trauma (published in March 2015)
- **CT chest**: pulmonary embolus (published in January 2015), HRCT for diffuse parenchymal disease
- **CT abdomen**: liver metastases, urinary calculus, appendicitis
- **CT Colonography**
- **Cardiac CT**: calcium coronary scoring

Each online survey will collect data on:

- **Standard practice** (use of protocols)
- **Scanner specifications** (year of (first) installation, brand, number of detector rows)
- **Adult patient data on a specific disease** (dose modulation, iterative reconstruction, CTDI vol, DLP, CTDI phantom size)

If you want to download this survey in pdf-format, please [click here](#).

All data will be stored and managed appropriately. No site, centre or patient exam will be traceable from publications or presentations that refer to the survey.

All participants will be acknowledged, provided with the results, and asked to agree to be surveyed again in three years in order to monitor any significant DRL dose changes.

**By completing this questionnaire, you are indicating your consent to participate in this research.**

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## Instructions for Respondents

1. To avoid multiple replies from the same centre, each institution is asked to nominate one single radiologist/radiographer/medical physicist to complete the questionnaire.
2. Please complete the survey using data from five patients for the clinical indication. Please make sure that the data from each of the five patients has been obtained using the same CT scanner.
3. Data can be collected either retrospectively from PACS archives or prospectively from current patients, at the respondents' discretion.
4. It will take you 5-10 minutes to complete each survey.
5. We are sorry that each survey contains a section on contact information. This data is needed for administrative purposes.

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### Contact Information

\* **1. Country:**

\* **2. City:**

\* **3. Hospital/Institution name:**

\* **4. Email contact:**

\* **5. Profession of qualified respondent (please do not respond if you are still in training):**

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### Standard Practice

**\* 6. Do you routinely use protocols for chest CT for rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer?**

- Yes
- Sometimes
- No
- I don't know

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### Scanner Specifications

In the following, you will be asked to provide data of five patients for the clinical indication. In this section, please provide data from the CT scanner used in the examination of these five patients.

**\* 7. Year of installation:**

**8. Year of first installation (in case of used/second hand equipment):**

**\* 9. Number of detector rows:**

**\* 10. Brand:**

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### Adult Patient Data: Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer

In this section, please list data for five patients for the clinical situation "Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer".

Please note that the data should all be from the same scanner, which you have provided in the previous section.

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Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer: Patient 1

\* 11. Dose modulation used?

- Yes  
 No

\* 12. Iterative reconstruction?

- Yes  
 No

\* 13. CTDI vol (mGy): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 14. DLP (mGy.cm): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 15. Please specify the CTDI phantom size:

- 16cm  
 32cm

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Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer: Patient 2

\* 16. Dose modulation used?

- Yes  
 No

\* 17. Iterative reconstruction?

Yes

No

\* 18. CTDI vol (mGy): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 19. DLP (mGy.cm): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 20. Please specify the CTDI phantom size:

16cm

32cm

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Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer: Patient 3

\* 21. Dose modulation used?

Yes

No

\* 22. Iterative reconstruction?

Yes

No

\* 23. CTDI vol (mGy): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 24. DLP (mGy.cm): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 25. Please specify the CTDI phantom size:

16cm

32cm

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Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer: Patient 4

\* 26. Dose modulation used?

Yes

No

\* 27. Iterative reconstruction?

Yes

No

\* 28. CTDI vol (mGy): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 29. DLP (mGy.cm): please report the value from the complete CT study:

\* 30. Please specify the CTDI phantom size:

16cm

32cm

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Chest CT - rule out pulmonary metastases of extrathoracic cancer: Patient 5

\* **31. Dose modulation used?**

Yes

No

\* **32. Iterative reconstruction?**

Yes

No

\* **33. CTDI vol (mGy): please report the value from the complete CT study:**

\* **34. DLP (mGy.cm): please report the value from the complete CT study:**

\* **35. Please specify the CTDI phantom size:**

16cm

32cm

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Feedback, comments,  
questions?

**36. In case of any questions or if you want to leave a message, please let us know here:**

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End!

Thank you for participating in this survey!