Multislice CT angiography of peripheral pulmonary embolism

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Abstract

The most important advantage of CT over other imaging modalities is that both mediastinal and parenchymal structures are evaluated, and thrombus is directly visualized. Studies have shown that up to two thirds of patients with an initial suspicion of PE receive another diagnosis, some with life threatening diseases, such as aortic dissection, pneumonia, lung cancer and pneumothorax. Most of these diagnoses are amenable to CT visualization, so that in many cases a specific etiology for the patient's symptoms and important additional diagnosis can be established.

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List of Abbreviations

CAD	Computer Aided Diagnosis
CM	Contrast Media
CNR	Contrast to Noise Ratio
CPTE	Chronic Pulmonary Thromboembolism
CT	Computed Tomography
CTA	Computed Tomography Angiography
CTP	Computed Tomography Perfusion
CTPA	Computed Tomography Pulmonary Angiography
CTV	Computed Tomography Venography
CWD	Continuous Wave Doppler
DLCO	Carbon Monoxide Diffusion Capacity
DSA	Digital Subtraction Angiography
DVT	Deep Venous Thrombosis
ECG	Electro Cardiography
ELIZA	Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent Assay
FOV	Field Of View
GY	Gray
Hg	Mercury
HRCT	High Resolution Computed Tomography
HU	Hounsfield Unit
IV	Intra Venous
IVC	Inferior Vena Cava
ISSPE	Isolated Subsegmental Pulmonary Embolism
KV	Kilovoltage
MA	Milliampere
MAA	Macro Aggregate Of Albumin
MDCT	Multidetector Computed Tomography

MHCT	Multislice Helical Computed Tomography
MIP	Maximum Intensity Projection
MPR	Multiplanar Reconstruction
MPVR	Multiplanar Volume Reconstruction
MR	Magnetic Resonance
MRA	Magnetic Resonance Angiography
MRI	Magnetic Resonance Imaging
MSCT	Multislice Computed Tomography
PACS	Picture-Archiving and Communications System
PAH	Pulmonary Artery Hypertension
PCO2	Partial Pressure of Carbon Dioxide
PE	Pulmonary Embolism
PERF	Perfusion
PIOPED	Prospective Investigation Of Pulmonary Embolism Diagnosis
PO2	Partial Pressure of Oxygen
PTE	Pulmonary Thromboembolism
RLL	Right Lower Lobe
LLL	Left Lower Lobe
SCTA	Spiral Computed Tomography Angiography
SPECT	Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography
T_C	Technitium
TREAT	Time Resolved Echo Shared Angiography Technique
RV	Right Ventricle
SD	Standard Deviation
US	Ultra Sound
VENT	Ventilation
VQ	Ventilation/Perfusion
VTE	Venous Thromboembolism