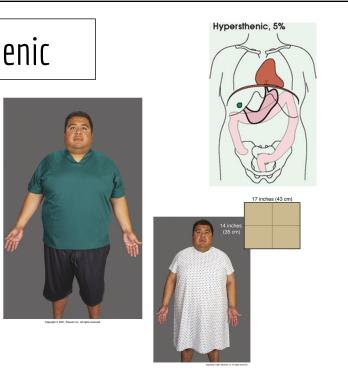


# Body Habitus - Hypersthenic

### Hypersthenic

- 5%
- Very "stocky"
- Dome of the diaphragm is high
- Gallbladder
  - High and Transverse and to the right
  - Level T10-T11
  - 1" caudal to xiphoid
- Stomach
  - High and more transverse
  - Level T9-T12
  - Duodenal Bulb level of T11 T12
- Large Intestine
  - Extends to periphery
  - Transverse colon and left colic flexure located high in the abdomen



Sthenic, 50%

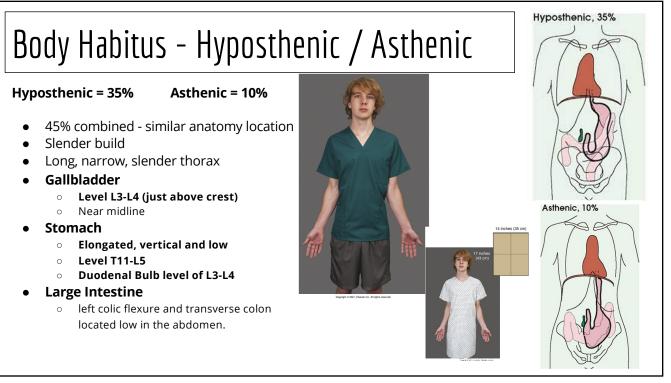
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# Body Habitus - Sthenic

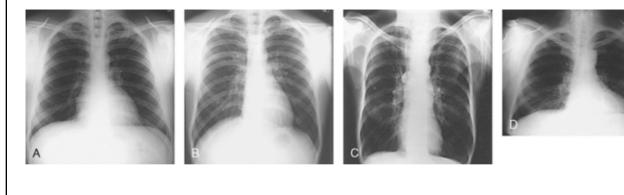
### Hypersthenic

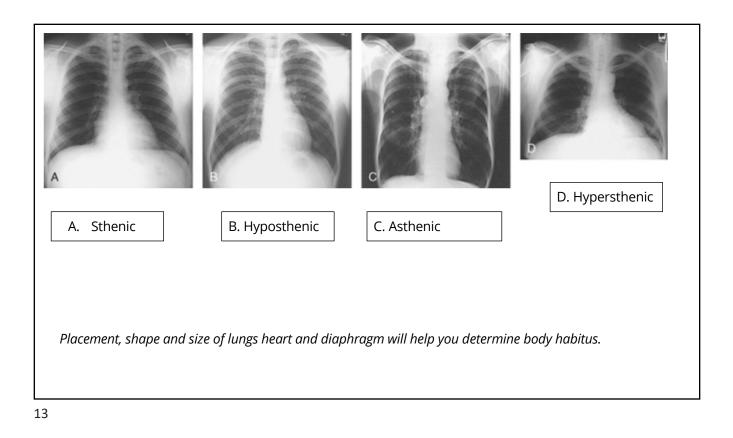
- 50 %
- Average slightly heavy set
- Gallbladder
  - Level T12-L1
  - 2-3" caudal to xiphoid
- Stomach
  - J shaped more vertical and primarily left of midline
  - Level T10/11-L2
  - Duodenal Bulb level of L1-L2
- Large Intestine
  - left colic flexure located high in the abdomen
  - Transverse colon lower to mid abdomen

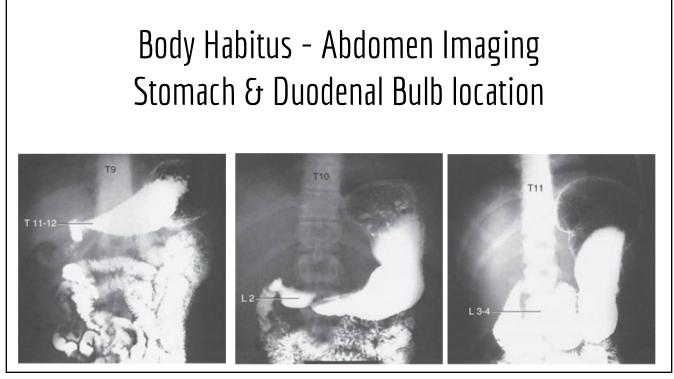




# Body Habitus - Chest images





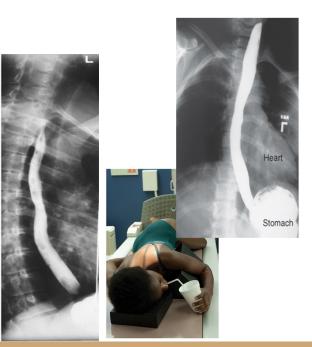




13. ERCP
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# Esophagus Barium Swallow

- 1. Right Anterior Oblique (RAO) Esophagus
  - a. "RAO Drinking"
  - b. Patient will be drinking barium from a cup with a straw during exposure
  - c. Oblique degree = 35-40 degrees
  - d. CR = T5/T6
    - i. 2-3" or 5-7.5 cm below jugular notch
  - e. Esophagus should be **between the** vertebrae and the heart
    - i. Under rotated = esophagus over spine



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# Swallowing Dysfunction study (CINE)

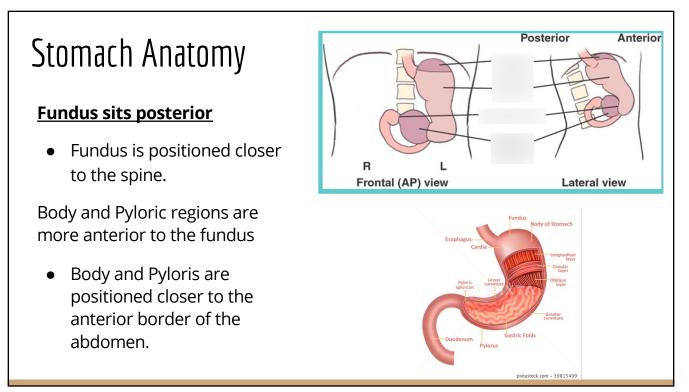
### **Modified Barium Swallow**

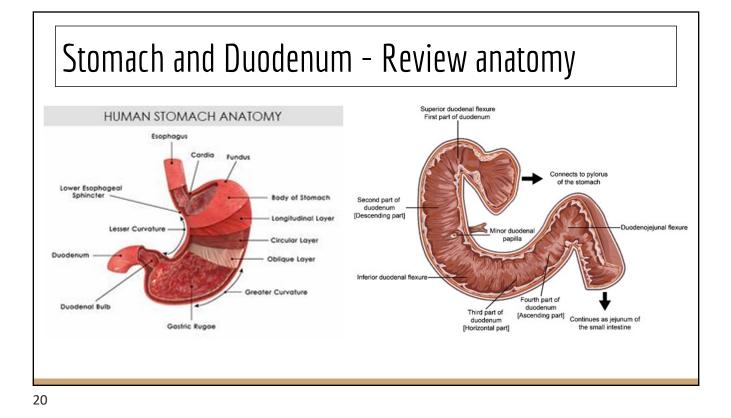
- Speech pathologist involved
- Uses video fluoroscopy
- ?aspiration
- Stroke patients











# What Positions Should I know for Upper GI?

### 1. AP Supine

- 2. PA Prone
- 3. Right Anterior Oblique RAO
  - a. 40-70 degree oblique
    - Sthenic = 45 55 degree oblique
    - Asthenic = 40 degree oblique
    - Hypersthenic = 70 degree oblique

### 4. Left Posterior Oblique LPO

### a. 30-60 degree oblique

- Sthenic = 45 degrees
  - Asthenic = 30 degrees
  - Hyper = 60 degrees

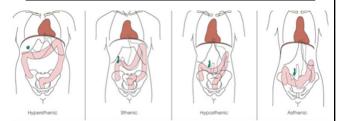
### 5. Right Lateral

- a. Central Ray Sthenic = L1 & 1-1 ½ inches anterior to midcoronal plane
- b. Asthenic 2" below L1 & Hypersthenic 2" above L1
- c. Retrogastric Space Space behind the stomach

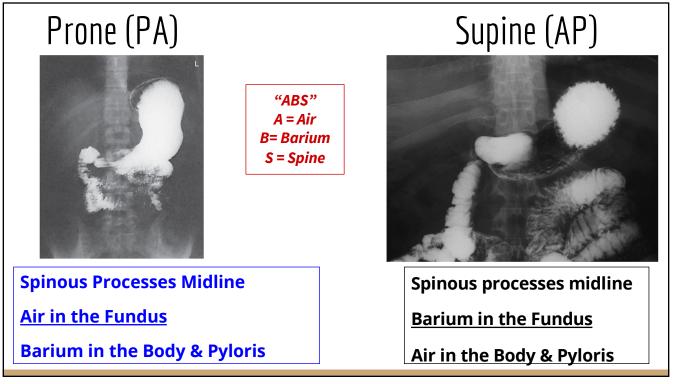
Single UGI = Contrast Only Double = Contrast + CO2 effervescent granules (fizzies)

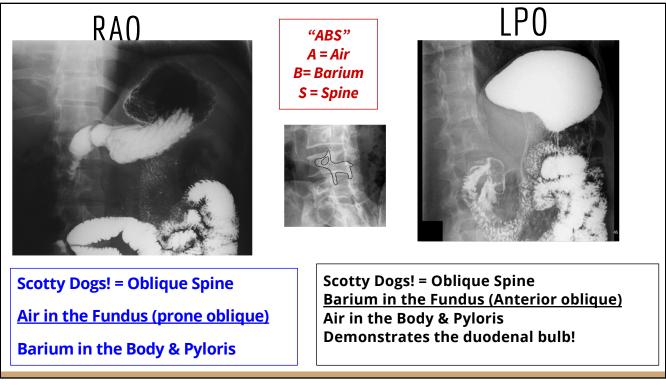
### **General Central Ray Location**

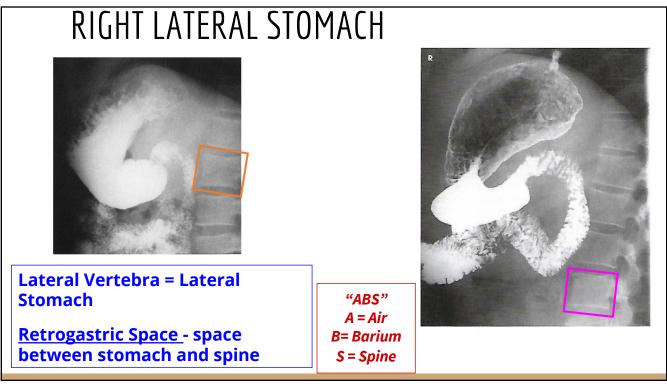
**Sthenic = L1** Asthenic = 2" below L1 (long stomach) Hypersthenic = 2" above L1 (High and transverse)



Short & Stout = Up & Out Tall & Thin = Down & In







JEJUNUM

This is the

Fold pattern

Mucosal

(not villi)

"feathery contour"

# **Small Intestine**

### 3 parts

### 1. Duodenum

- a. 1st part of the small intestine
- b. C-shaped
- c. Shortest section
- d. Contains the major papilla and minor duodenal papilla

Duodenal Bulb

ILEUM

smooth

### 2. Jejunum

- a. 2nd segment
- b. Contains mucosal folds
- c. "Feathery appearance"

### 3. Ileum

- a. Longest segment
- b. Connects to the large intestine via the **ileocecal valve**

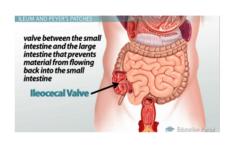


# SMALL BOWEL SERIES

### "Timed Sequence Study"

- Evaluates the **form and function** of the **small intestine.**
- Can be combined with UGI or performed as SBFT only
- Timing begins when the patient starts ingesting the contrast
- Images are performed at time intervals (Ex. 30 mins)
- Prone abdomen imaging is performed to compress the bowel
- Once the contrast reaches the terminal ileum the patient is brought into a fluoroscopy room for "TI" imaging.
- Spot imaging is done to visualize the **ileocecal valve**, terminal ileum, and cecum.





# Large Intestine Anatomy

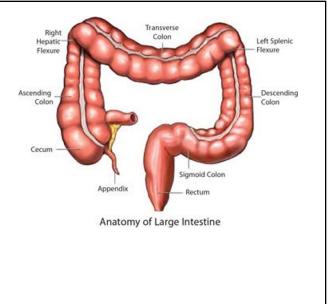
The **transverse colon sits anteriorly** to the flexures.

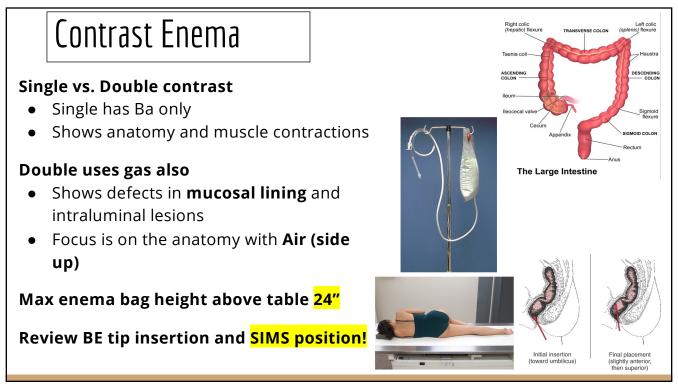
• The flexures are "folded" in appearance, this will appear superimposed on AP/PA images.

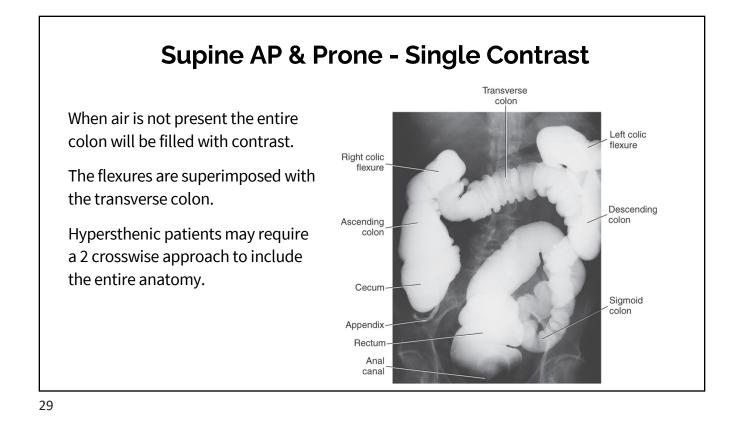
### Oblique positions will open up the flexures.

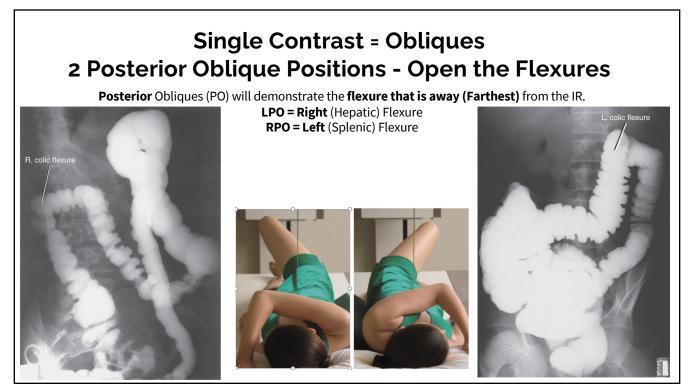
It is important to know which flexures is found on the right side of the body and which is found on the left!

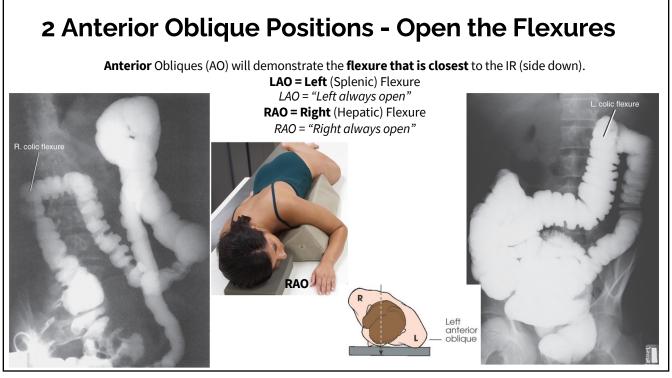
### The Left Flexure is usually higher!

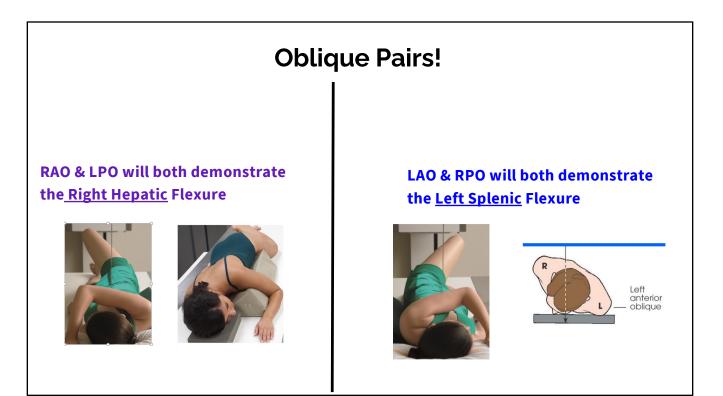


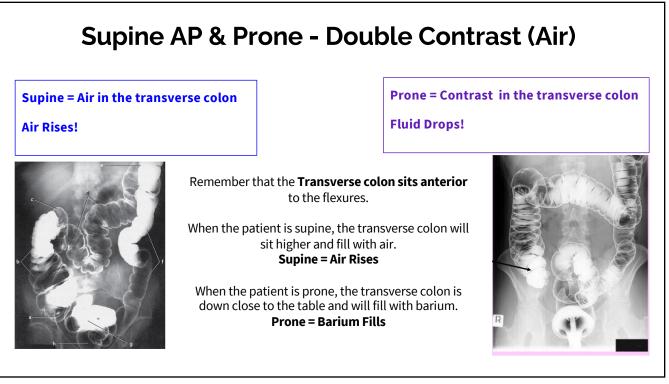


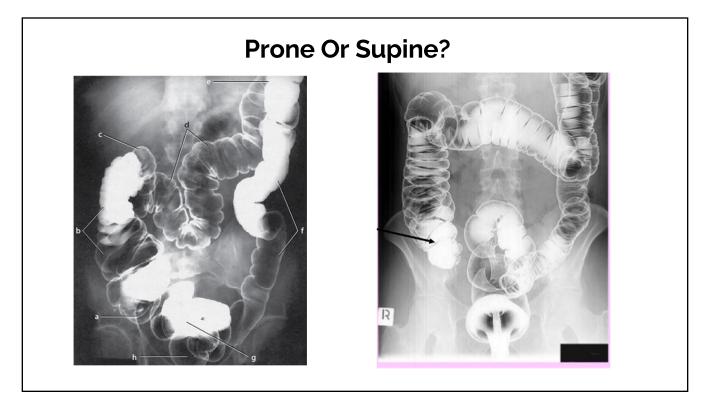








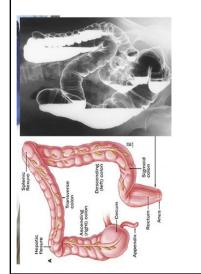




# Double Contrast (Air) = Decub = Air/Fluid Levels!

### **Right Lateral Decubitus**





Decubitus Contrast Imaging Demonstrates the "upside" or the side with Air.

The Barium is fluid which is heavier than air, it will drop to the lowest point.

Air will rise to the side up!

Left Splenic Flexure is usually always higher, when looking at an image.

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# Left Lateral Decubitus

### Left Side Down Decubitus

"Horizontal Beam

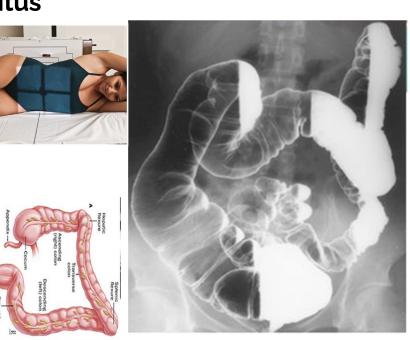
Demonstrates Air Sides:

- Medial Descending
- Lateral Ascending

Air will rise to the side of the body and side of the intestine that is up.

Barium will fill the lowest points.

Air fluid levels clearly demonstrated.



# Right Lateral Decubitus

Right Side Down Decubitus

"Horizontal Beam"

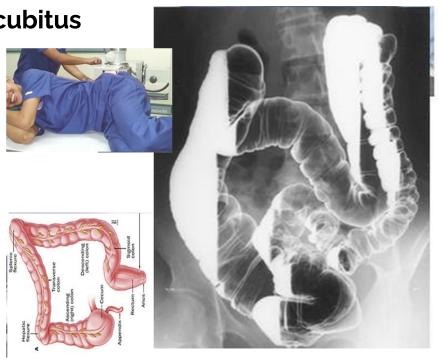
Demonstrates Air Sides:

- Medial Ascending
- Lateral Descending

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Air fluid levels clearly demonstrated.



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## Lateral Rectum (single) or X-table Lateral Rectum (Air)

# Single Contrast Enema uses a true lateral rectum.

Patient is in Lateral Position with femoral heads superimposed.

Focus is on the rectosigmoid region.

# Double Contrast Enema (air) uses a X-table lateral rectum.

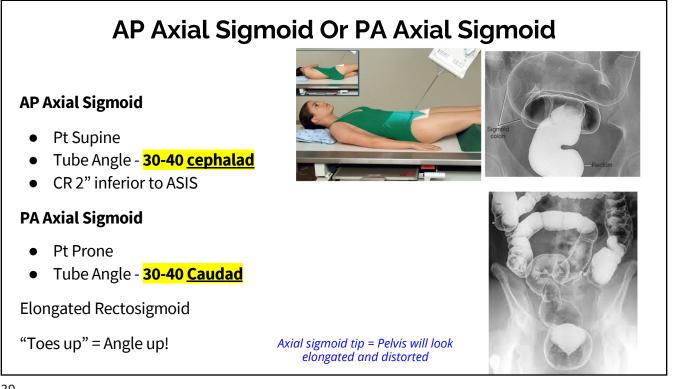
• Ventral Decubitus Lateral Rectum Patient is prone.

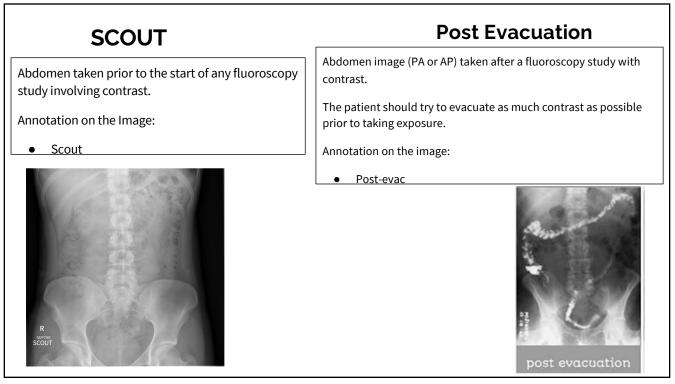
### Air/Fluid levels demonstrated

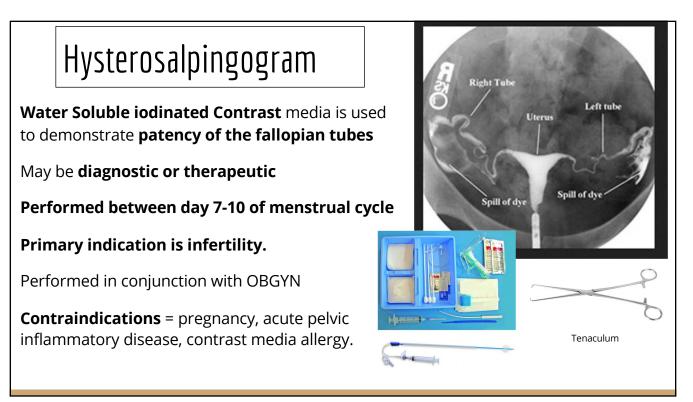
Focus is on the rectosigmoid region.













Contrast media is administered via a spinal puncture into the subarachnoid space- intrathecal injection

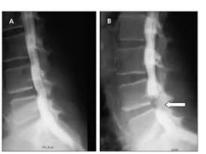
Preferred site for spinal puncture **L3-L4**, although other disc spaces may be used including cervical puncture (C1-C2)

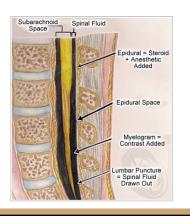
Conus medullaris - lower border of L1 - must inject lower than this level

Cisternal puncture- between atlanto-occipital joint space

**Water soluble contras**t is deposited into the subarachnoid space

Primary pathology - Herniated Nucleus pulposus (HNP)





# Arthrography

**Study of Synovial joints and surrounding tissues with contrast media**. Contraindications are known allergy to contrast media or allergy to local anesthetics

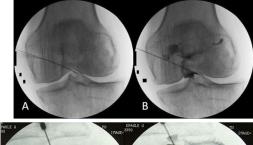
- Hip
  - Hip pain ? Labral tear
- Knee

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- Indications tear of the joint capsule, menisci, collateral, cruciate ligaments. Non trauma baker's cyst
- Positive contrast agent water soluble
- Negative agent air
- Shoulder
  - Demonstrate joint capsule, rotator cuff, long tendon of the biceps muscle, and articular cartilage.
  - $\circ$  ~ Chronic pain or weakness rotator cuff

Informed & Written consent, Patient history, medications, blood thinners, allergies, Sterile technique







# Arthrography - Review Joints - SAD

**S:**Synarthroses (immovable). These are fixed or fibrous joints. They're defined as two or more bones in close contact that have **no movement**.

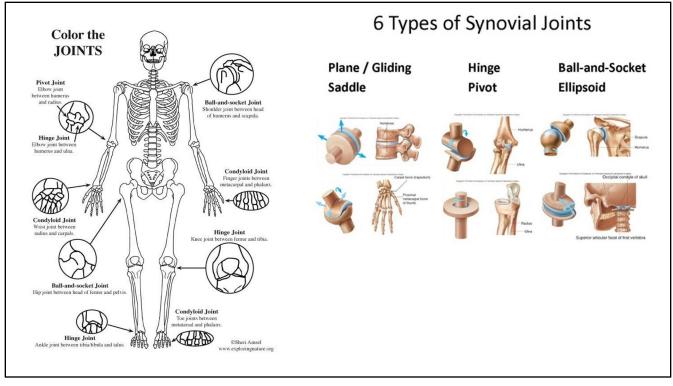
- The **bones of the skull** are an example.
- The immovable joints between the plates of the skull are known as sutures.

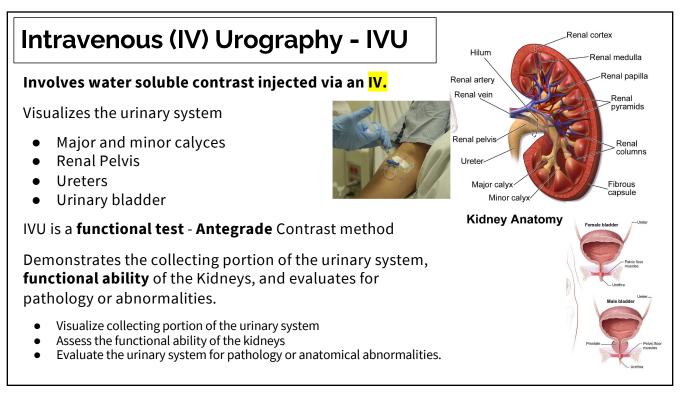
**A:Amphiarthrosis (slightly movable)**. Also known as **cartilaginous joints**, these joints are defined as two or more bones held so tightly together that only **limited movement** can take place.

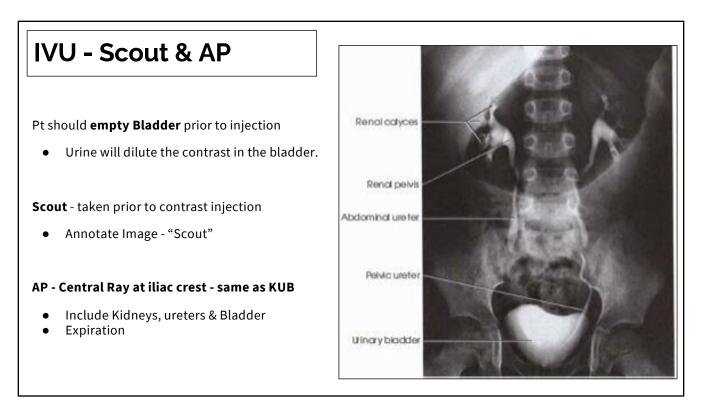
• The vertebrae of the spine are good examples.

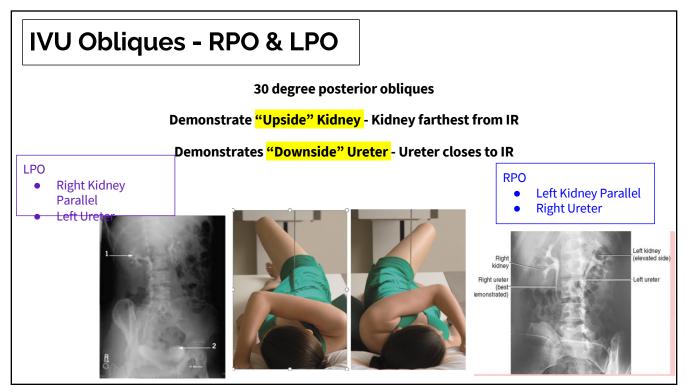
**D**:Diarthroses (freely movable). Also known as synovial joints, these joints have synovial fluid enabling all parts of the joint to smoothly move against each other. These are the most prevalent joints in your body.

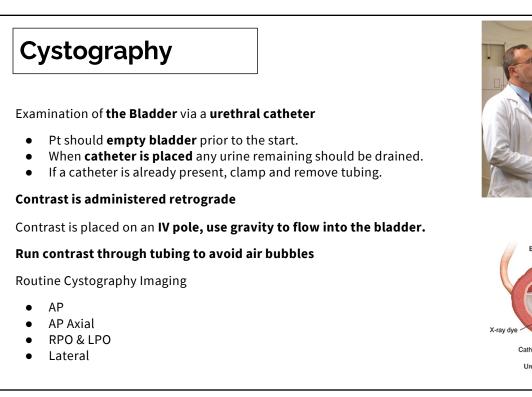
• Examples include joints like the knee and shoulder.

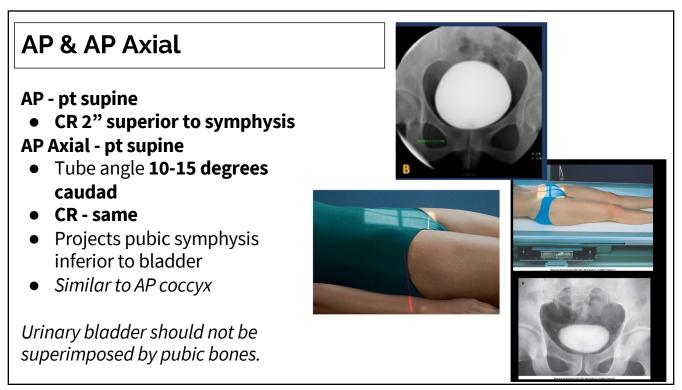










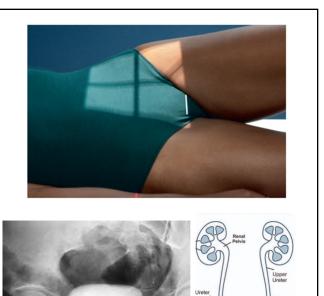


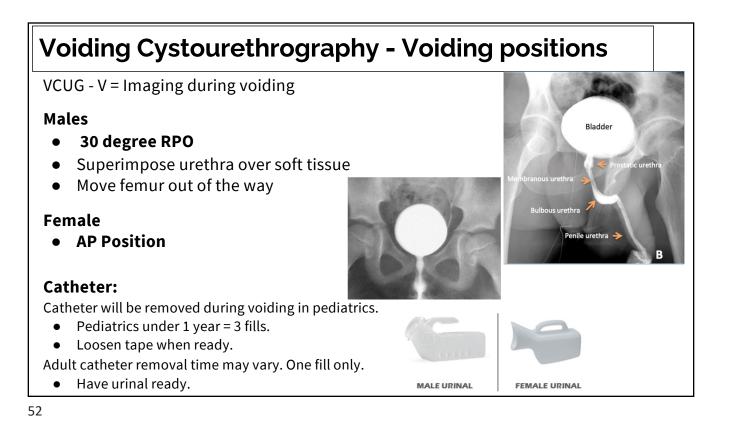
# Oblique Bladder

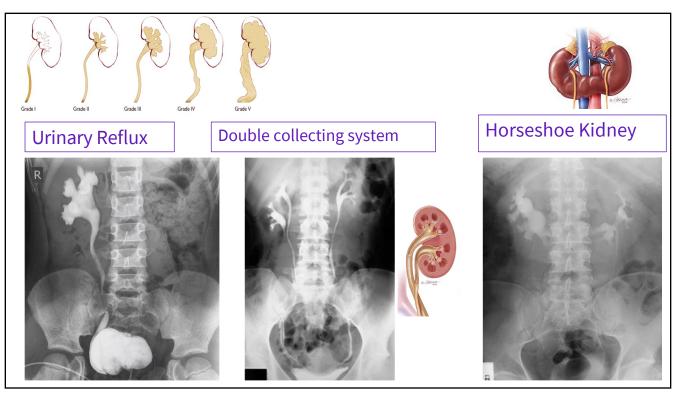
### **RPO & LPO**

Steep Oblique - 45-60 degree oblique

- Visualize the posterior aspect of the bladder.
- Ureterovesical junction (UV) attaches posteriorly.
- CR 2" Superior to pubic symphysis
- Avoid superimposition of the bladder over the lower limbs
  - Don't flex leg
- Obturator foramen closed on side down.







# Retrograde Urethrography (RUG)

### Evaluation of the male urethra

- Contrast is injected via a **catheter retrograde** (against normal flow).
- Catheter placed into urethra **clamp may be used.** 
  - Brodney Clamp

Contrast is injected into the urethra looking for **strictures** or abnormalities.

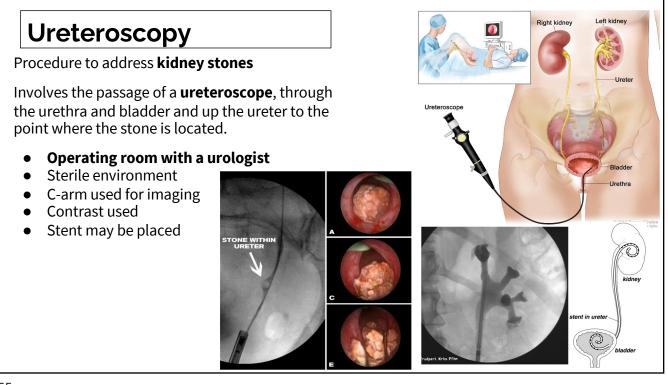


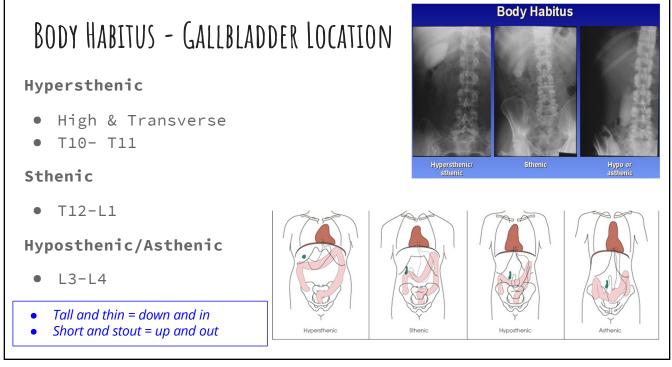


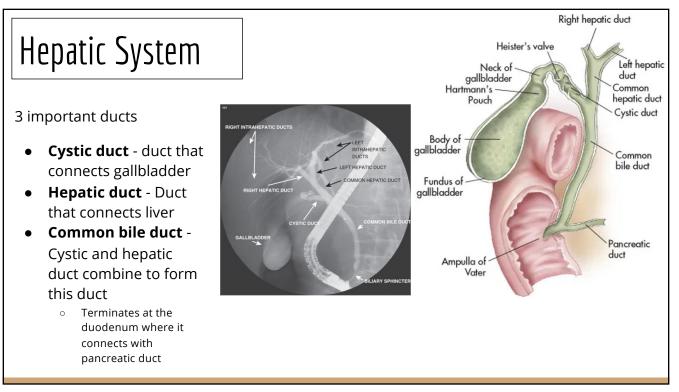


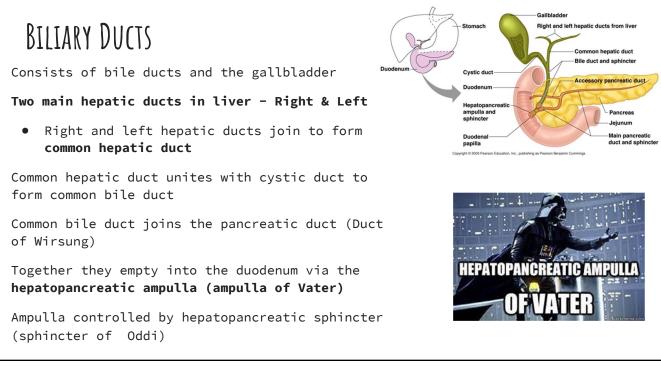


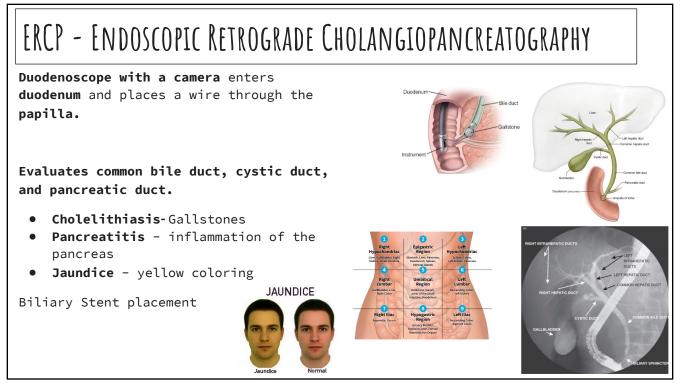
Visruption











# SURGICAL (OPERATIVE) CHOLANGIOGRAM

Injection of contrast dye into common bile duct during surgical procedure

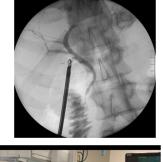
C-arm is used for imaging in the OR

Sterile Procedure (in OR!)

Fowler's Position - Reverse Trendelenburg

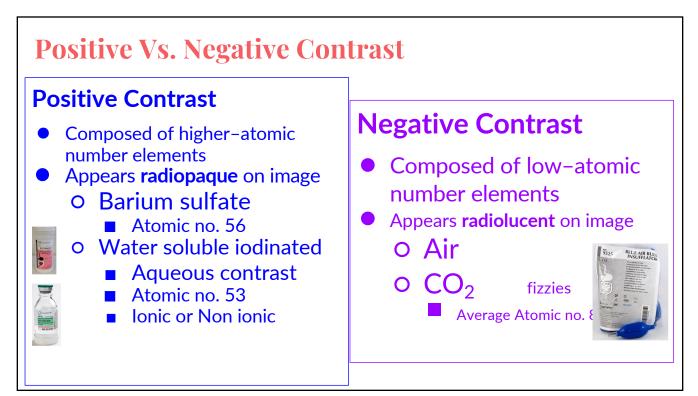
• Feet lower than head

**Cholecystectomy**- Surgical Removal of Gallbladder





# CONTRAST MEDIA



# <section-header> Air and Gases Active contrast agents: Cause affected structures to be darker than surrounding structures. Nontoxic Double Contrast UGI Fizzies - CO<sub>2</sub> gas crystals Double Contrast BE Room air Double Contrast Arthrography. Myelography

# **Barium Sulfate**

- Positive Contrast
- Radiopaque
- Chalk-like substance
- Absorbs more x-rays
- Colloidal Suspension
- Never dissolves in water
- Inert physiologic activity within human body - reaction very unlikely.
- BaSO<sub>4</sub>
- Atomic Number 56





- Barium can cause constipation and dehydration.
   O Patients should drink plenty of fluids for the next 24-48 hours.
- Following an imaging exam with barium, the material is eliminated through bowel movements.
  - Stool may appear white
  - The majority within 24 hours

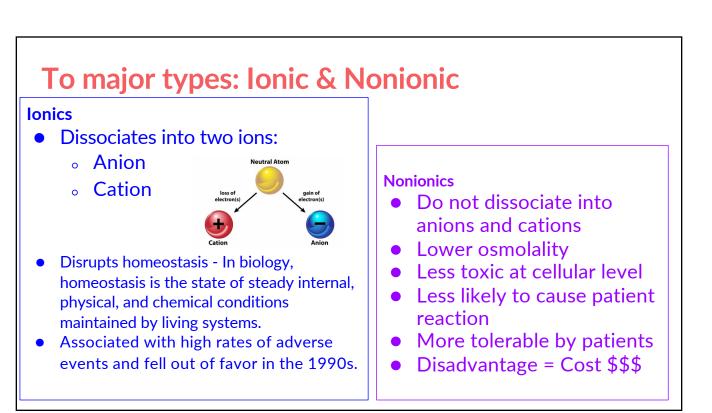
Water-Soluble Iodinated Contrast Media

- Indications
  - Perforated viscus
  - Presurgical procedure
- Contraindications
  - Hypersensitivity to iodine
  - Previous reaction



# **Elimination of Iodinated Contrast**

- Iodinated Contrast is water based.
- The contrast material is **absorbed by the body or eliminated through urine.**
- The majority within **24 hours** in a patient with normal renal function.



# Viscosity vs. Osmolality

Osmolality: This is the concentration of iodine particles in the solution.

- High osmolality = it has a higher concentration of particles than blood
- Higher iodine concentration equals high osmolality. Higher Iodine concentration = higher risk of reaction.

**Viscosity**: The **thickness or stickiness of the suspension**. Viscosity influences the solution's ability to flow through the needle used for the injection as well as its ability to flow through blood vessels.

- Highly viscous solutions are harder to inject.
- One thing that can be done to **make thick solutions easier to inject is to warm the material** to body temperature prior to making the injection.
  - o Commercial contrast warmers are available for this purpose.
- Highly viscous materials tend to cause the patient more burning or stinging pain as it travels through vessels, making the patient feel hot.
- A greater concentration of iodine means higher viscosity.



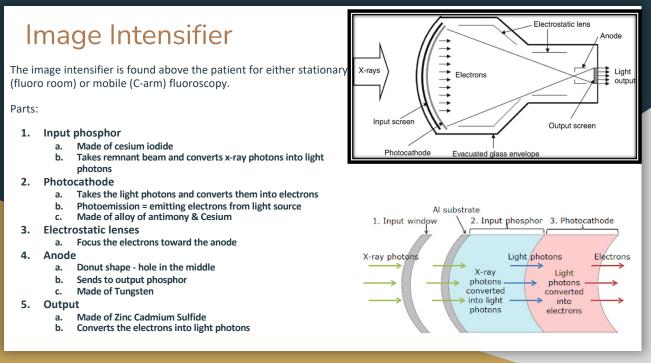
camera

Image Intensifier

X-Ray Tube

### Fluoroscopy Equipment Stationary vs. Mobile Fluoroscopy Image intensifie Fluoroscopy room = Stationary Fluoroscopy C-arm = Mobile Fluoroscopy Unlike diagnostic x-ray tubes, the source is under the The fluoroscopic x-ray tube is located under the fluoroscopic table, and the C-arm x-ray source is under the patient and/or surgical table. The Image Intensifier (II) is located over the patient.

The Image Intensifier(II) works similar to the Imaging plate by collecting the remnant or exit radiation after passing through the patient to create the radiographic image.

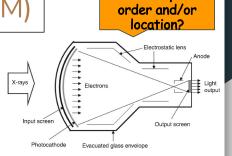


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patient.

# Hint for Image Intensifier (XLELM)

- 1. Input Phosphor =<u>Cesium Iodide</u> crystal
  - a. (X-L) Turns <u>X</u>-rays into <u>L</u>ight
- 2. Photocathode (L-E) converts light photons into electrons
- 3. Electrostatic lenses "Focuses" electrons
  - a. no conversion similar to focusing cup in x-ray tube
- 4. Anode (donut shape) Accelerates electrons Tungsten
- 5. Output phosphor = <u>Zinc Cadmium Sulfide</u>
  - a. Converts <u>e</u>lectrons into <u>light photons</u>
  - b. Sends information to a CCD
- 6. Charged Coupled Device (CCD) 2 jobs
  - a. Converts light back to electrical signal
  - b. Collects electrical signal and sends it to the ADC
- 7. Analog to digital converter (ADC) converts to digital signal.
- 8. M = Monitor see image on monitor screen



Can you drag and drop in

Materials Hint = Think alphabet! C before Z! Input phosphor = <u>C</u>esium Iodide Anode = <u>T</u>arget = <u>T</u>ungsten Output phosphor = <u>Z</u>inc Cadmium Sulfide

*Hint\* It never turns back into x-ray photons!!!* 

### Illumination

The **principal advantage of image-intensified fluoroscopy** over earlier types of fluoroscopy is **increased image brightness.** Just as it is much more difficult to read a book in dim illumination than in bright illumination, it is much harder to interpret a dim fluoroscopic image than a bright one.

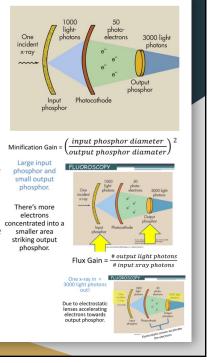
The increased illumination of the image is attributed to the multiplication of light photons at the output phosphor compared with x-rays at the input phosphor.

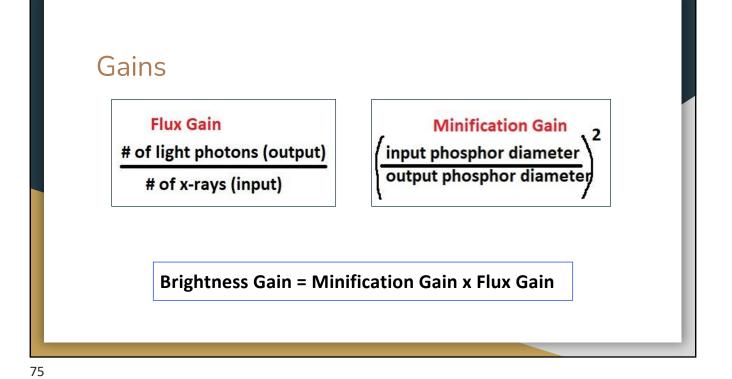
- The ratio of **light photons at the output phosphor** divided by the number of **input x-ray photons** is the **Flux gain**.
- Flux Gain = total number of light photons produced by each electron

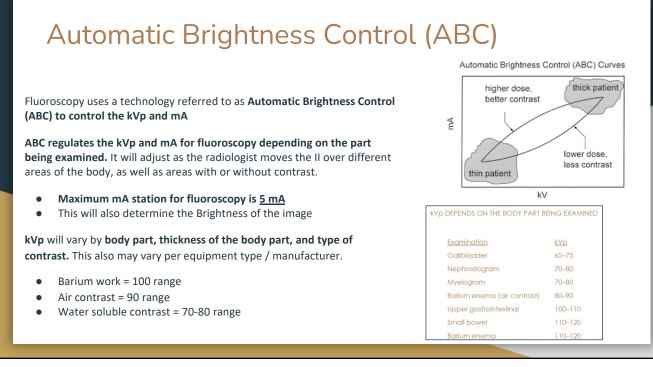
The ability of the image intensifier to increase the illumination level of the image is called its <u>BRIGHTNESS GAIN.</u>

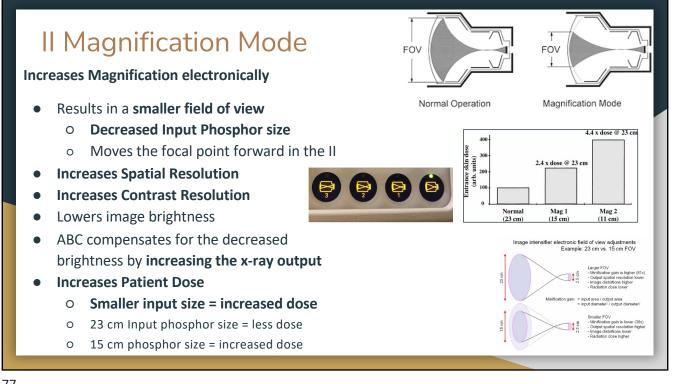
- The brightness gain is simply the product of the minification gain X the flux gain.
- Total brightness gain ranges from 5,000 20,000 and decreases as the tube ages.

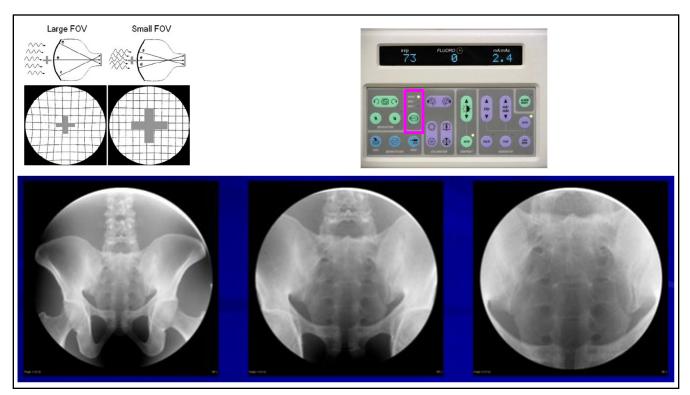
The <u>minification gain</u> is a ratio of the size of the input phosphor compared to the size of the output phosphor. The output phosphor is smaller than the input, increasing brightness

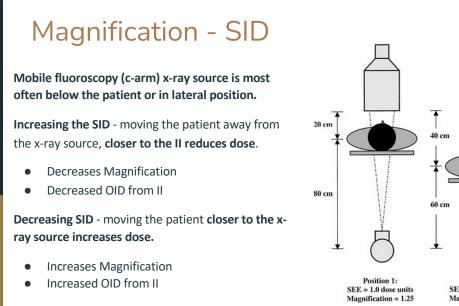


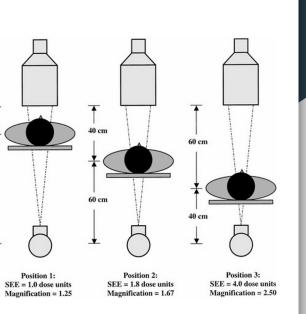


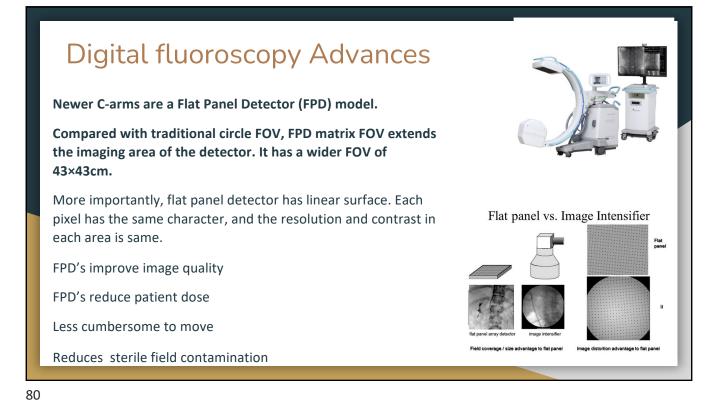


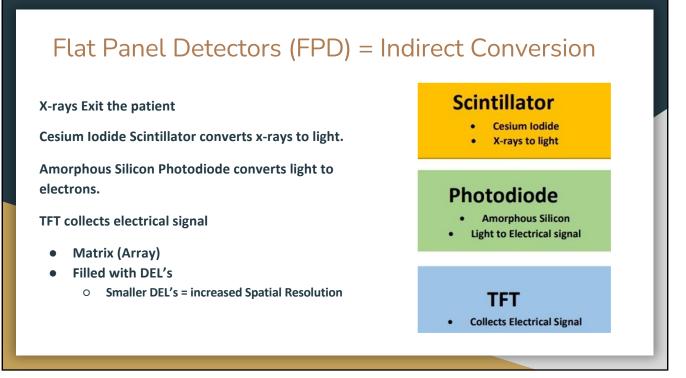


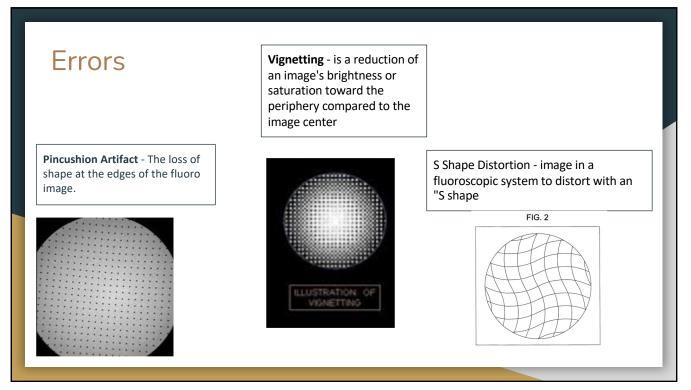


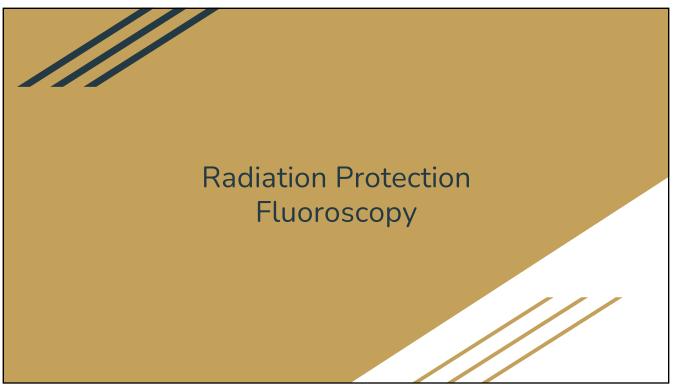












# PT Dose Reduction Techniques

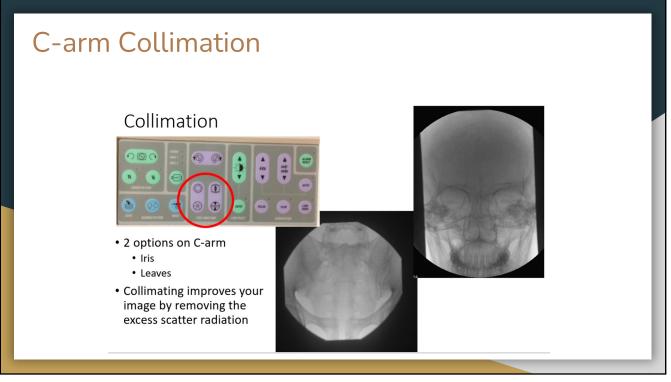
**Intermittent Fluoroscopy-** Most radiologists are trained to control the fluoroscope intermittently, that is, keeping the x rays on only a few seconds at a time, long enough to view the area of anatomy.

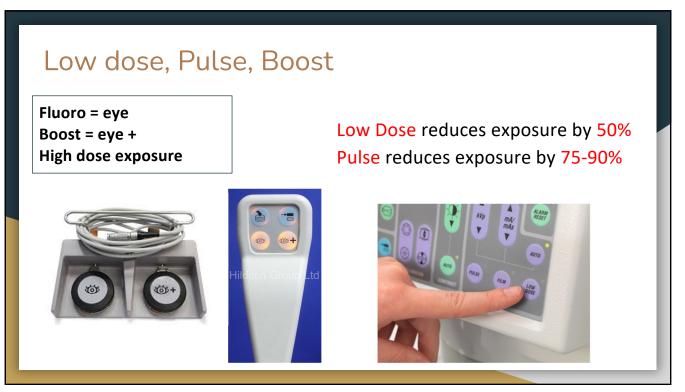
**Removal of Grid** - The presence of grids in x-ray systems primarily increases the contrast and hence the image quality; however, they increase the dose to the patient and staff by a factor of two or more. In pediatric cases, removal of the grid has resulted in dose reduction of up to one-third to one-half with little or no loss in contrast and image quality.

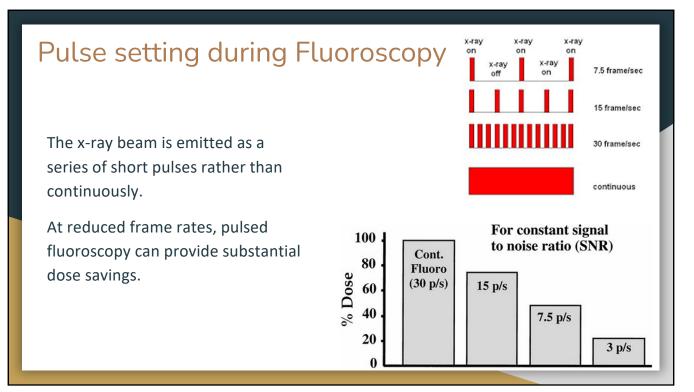
**Last Image Hold** - The last image is digitally "frozen" on the monitor after x-ray exposure is terminated. Last image hold is a dose-saving feature by not taking a formal exposure. **Think "Screenshot"** 

**Electronic Collimation** - Modern systems have electronic collimation, which overlays a collimator blade on the last image hold so that one can adjust field dimensions without exposing the patient.









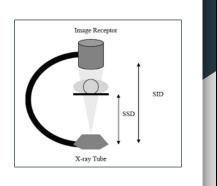
# Source to Skin Distance (SSD)

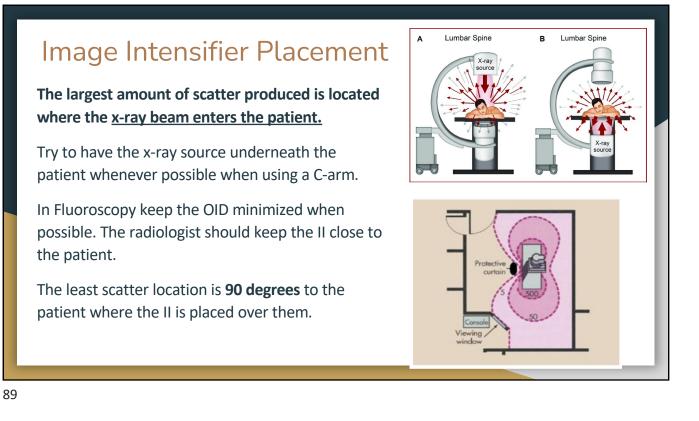
Source to skin distance (SSD) is the distance between the tube and the patient during fluoroscopy.

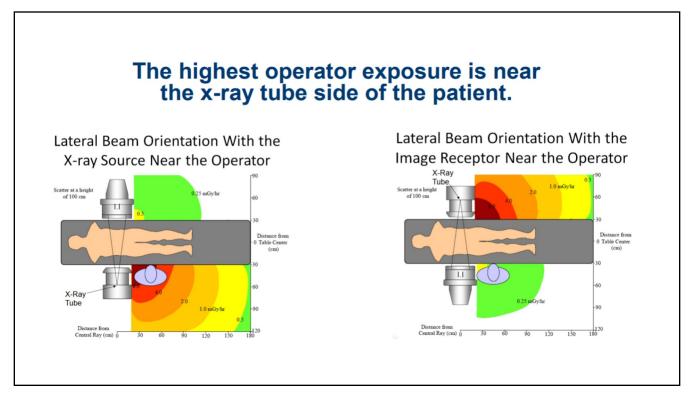
Mobile Fluoroscopy (c-arm) = 12" or 30 cm

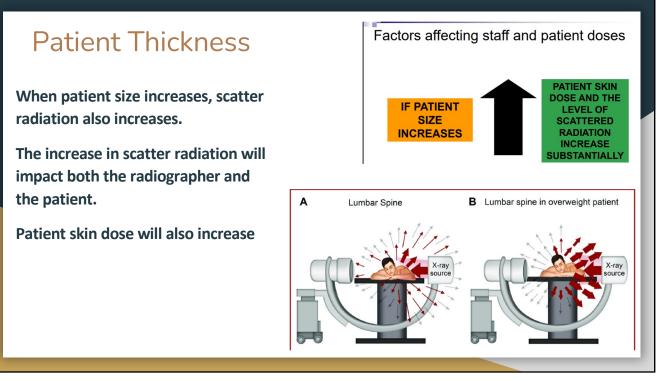
• \*hint = Take lunch at 12:30 in the OR\*

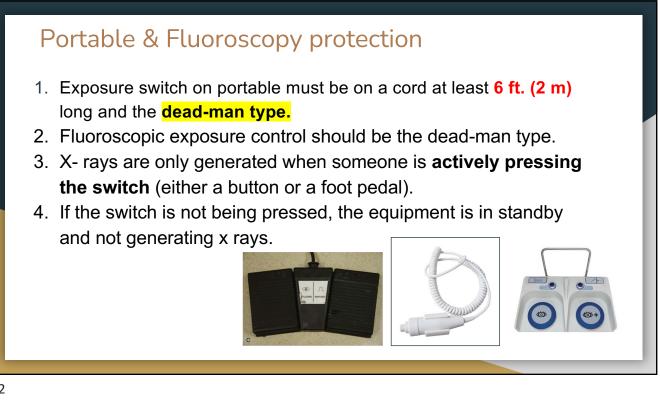
Stationary fluoroscopy (fluoro room) = 15" or 38 cm







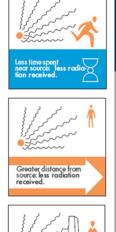




# Cardinal Rules of Radiation Protection

As an occupational radiology worker it is important to keep radiation exposure to yourself to a minimum.

- 1. Time Keep your time exposed to radiation as short as possible
- 2. Distance Try to increase your distance from the source (patient) as much as possible. Primary!
- 3. Shielding Protect yourself with shielding whenever possible. Wear the shielding correctly and place radiation badge outside of the lead. Try to find lead that fits properly and has been tested yearly.



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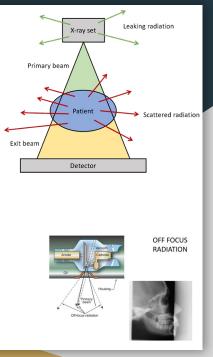
## Sources of Radiation Review

### **Primary Radiation:**

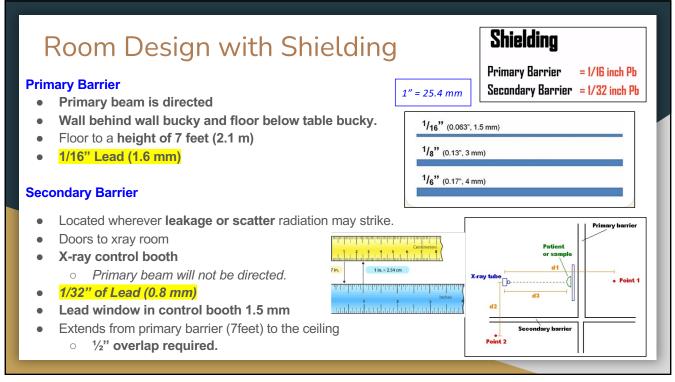
- **Primary Beam:** This refers to the **x-ray beam prior to any interaction** with the patient, grid, table or image intensifier.
- Exit Beam: The beam that interacts with the detector is termed the exit beam and will have been significantly attenuated.

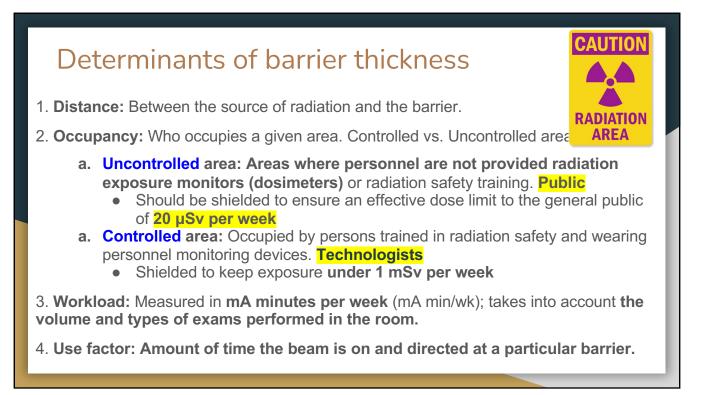
### Secondary Radiation:

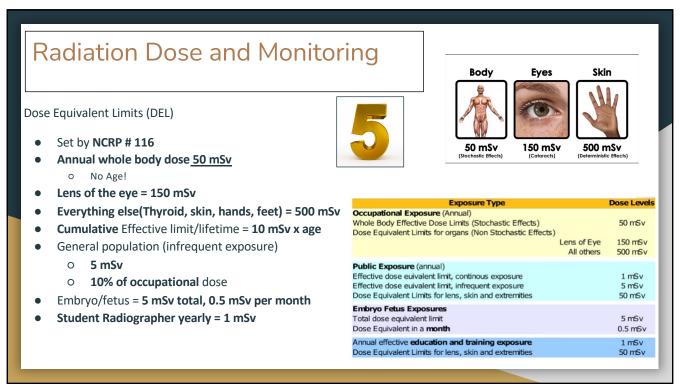
- Scattered Radiation: This is a direct result of the Compton effect in the patient and contributes the most to staff radiation dose.
- Leakage Radiation: This is leakage from the x-ray tube housing. However, this is limited to a maximum of 1 mGya/hr at 1 meter from the focus and, in practice, is usually much less. Rare!
- Off Focus Radiation: off-focus radiation refers to the emission of x-ray
  photons which originate outside of the anode focal spot. Essentially a form
  of scatter, photons produced in this manner may result in blurring and are of
  no use for diagnostic purposes



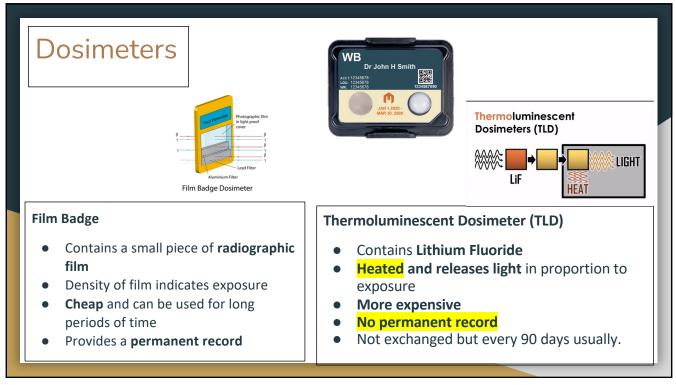
Shield Type	Thickness of Lead		50 m0/m 700 m6/m 500 m0/m	Thyroid	d shield
Aprons	0.50 mm PB			Protective curtain	- CPre
Thyroid Shields	0.50 mm PB		Prosesse series 5 mil tre	Important to keep the cur	rtain in place
Glasses	0.35 mm Pb		Body Star cover 33 29 29		
Gloves	0.25 mm Pb	_	_		
Protective Curtain (Fluoro)	0.25 mm Pb	mm Pb	75 kVp	100 kVp	
Bucky slot cover (fluoro)	0.25 mm Pb	0.25mm	66%	51%	
		0.50mm	88%	75%	

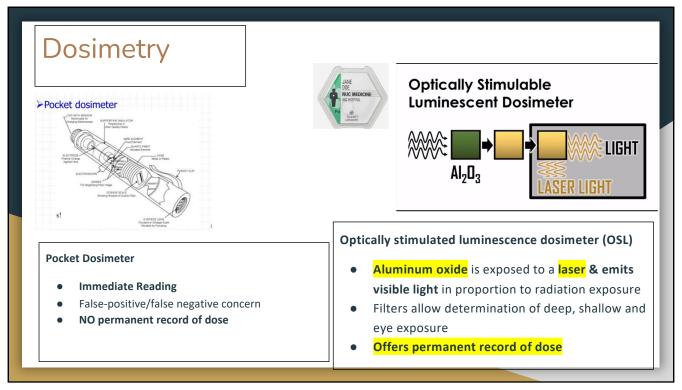




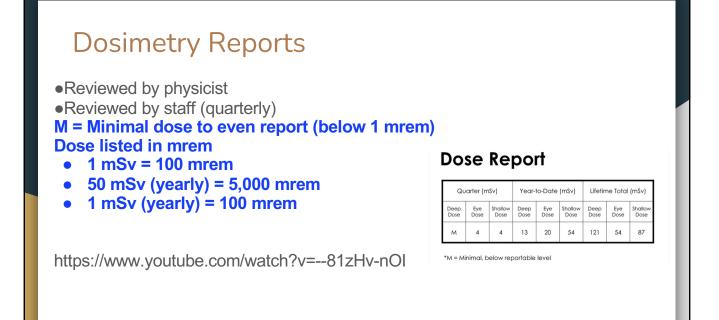


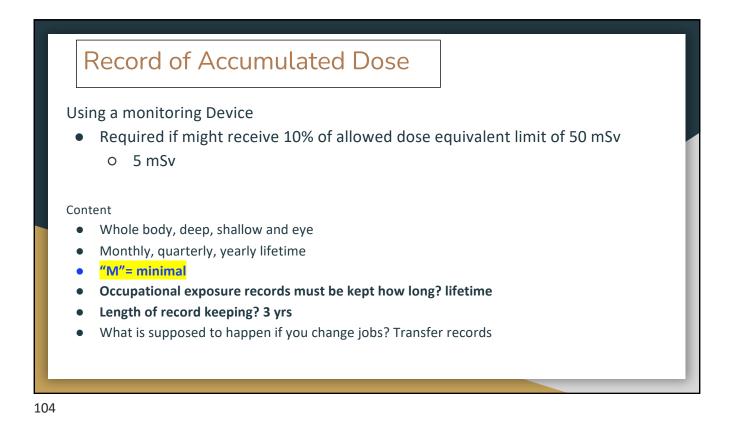
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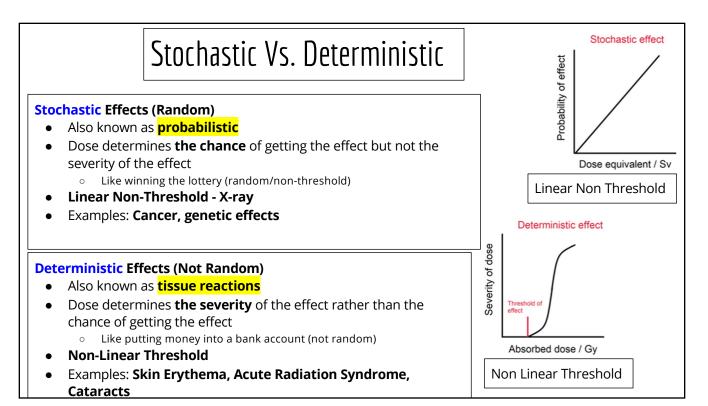












# Units Of Measurement

Tips The A's have Grays! The E's have V's (sievert SV) Q = Multiply 2 T = Multiply 3

	Except Exposure =			
Quantity	SI Unit	Notes	Calculation	C/kg
Exposure In Air				
Exposure		Number of ionizations in air	Coulomb/Kg	
Air Kerma	Gray (Gy)	Energy of ionizations in air	1 Gy = 1 J/kg	
Exposure In	Tissue			
Absorbed Dose	Gray (Gy)	Energy absorbed in matter	1 Gy = 1 J/kg	
Equivalent Dose	Sievert (SV)	Radiation weighting factor	Gy x Wr = Sv	
Effective Dose	Sievert (SV)	Tissue weighting factor risk of cancer	Gy x Wr x Wt = SV	

