Certegra® P3T Software for Abdomen Contrast Enhanced Abdominal CT

CT contrast enhanced abdominal studies are a commonly ordered procedure. Bayer in Radiology’s Certegra® P3T Software for Abdomen is an algorithm that automates the calculation of individual IV contrast injection protocols, based on patient characteristics and contrast concentration.

There are two key factors that control the enhancement of liver parenchyma.

1. **Body Weight** – this is the main factor
2. **Iodine concentration** of contrast media

Extensive clinical research supports weight-based contrast dosing for abdominal imaging. Three primary rationales for weight-based dosing include patient safety, consistent image quality, and potentially reduce contrast.

Certegra® P3T Software for Abdomen:

- Automates calculation of individualized injection protocols
- Increases consistency of individualized protocols
- Provides multiple dosing options (weight factor, iodine load and volume factor) for IV contrast protocol design for CT imaging of the abdominal region (i.e., liver, pancreas, kidneys) customized to radiologist preferences
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Image comparison with the same patient

- Patient weight 120 lbs.
- Contrast Concentration 350

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<th>Standard Protocol</th>
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<td><strong>Piston</strong></td>
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Weight factor = 0.41g/Kg

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