

Quick Reference Guide

CT

Exam	Common Reason(s) for Ordering	Contrast Option(s)	CPT Code
Head	Trauma, headache, mental status change, stroke / TIA	W/O	70450
	Mass or oncologic evaluation, chronic headache, infection	W & W/O	70470
Sinus	Sinusitis	W/O	70486
Neck (Soft Tissue)	Mass, difficulty swallowing, pain, lymphoma, head / neck cancers, abscess	W	70491
Facial Bones	Fracture / trauma, evaluate bony anatomy	W/O	70486
	Cellulitis	W	70487
Temporal Bones	Tinnitus, otosclerosis	W/O	70480
	Mass	W	70481
Spine – Cervical	Fracture / trauma, neck pain, upper extremity paresthesias	W/O	72125
Spine – Thoracic	Fracture / trauma, upper back pain	W/O	72128
Spine – Lumbar	Fracture / trauma, lower back pain, lower extremity paresthesias / sciatica	W/O	72131
Chest	Nodule follow-up, interstitial lung disease (HRCT), contraindication to contrast	W/O	72150
	Mass or nodule evaluation, hemoptysis, empyema, oncologic imaging	W	72160
Abdomen / Pelvis	Routine: Abdominal pain, appendicitis, diverticulitis, bowel obstruction, abscess, oncologic imaging	W & Oral Contrast	74177
	Kidney stone / flank pain	W/O	74176
	IVP: Hematuria, evaluate urinary tract	W & W/O	74178
	Enterography: Crohn's disease, angiodysplasia, iron deficiency anemia	W & Oral Contrast	74177
Abdomen Only (Diaphragm to Iliac Crest)	Routine: Upper abdominal pain	W & Oral Contrast	74160
	Adrenal: Evaluate adrenal nodule or mass	W & W/O	74170
	Hepatic: Evaluate liver lesions, hepatoma screening, cirrhosis	W & W/O	74170
	Pancreatic: Evaluate pancreatic mass lesions, jaundice, biliary dilatation	W & W/O	74170
	Renal: Evaluate renal mass lesion or complex cyst	W & W/O	74170
Pelvis Only	Pelvis mass, evaluate nodes, abscess	W & Oral Contrast	72193
	Fracture, trauma, evaluate bony anatomy	W/O	72192

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CTA	Head: Evaluate Circle of Willis vessels, stroke, aneurysm	W	70496
	Neck: Evaluate carotid and vertebral arteries, dissection	W	70498
	Thoracic and Abdominal Aorta: Aortic arch to bifurcation, dissection evaluation	W	71275 CTA CHEST 74175 ANGIO ABD
	Thoracic Aorta: Aortic arch to kidneys, evaluate thoracic aortic aneurysm, stent graft	W	71275
	Abdominal Aorta: Diaphragm to bifurcation, evaluate abdominal aortic aneurysm, stent graft, mesenteric ischemia, renal artery stenosis	W	74175
	Pulmonary Embolism: CTA chest, evaluate pulmonary embolism, dyspnea	W	71275
	Extremity: Trauma, vascular injury, aneurysms, impingement syndromes	W	73206
	Run-off Diaphragm to Feet: Claudication, peripheral vascular disease, evaluate lower extremity arteries	W	75635
Extremity – Upper	Fracture / trauma, evaluate bony anatomy	W/O	73200
Extremity – Lower	Fracture / trauma, evaluate bony anatomy	W/O	73700
Extremity – Arthrogram	Contraindication to MRI, cartilage evaluation, joint bodies	W Intra-Articular Contrast	73615 ANKLE 73085 ELBOW 73525 HIP 73525 KNEE 73040 SHOULDER 70332 TMJ 73115 WRIST
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