CTA PE Chest with Contrast

Position/Landmark	Above lungs through base of lungs.	
Scout		
Scan coverage	Entire lungs. Apices of lungs to mid kidney	
Respiratory Phase	Inspiration	
Scan Type	CTA, helical	
IV access	20G or 18G, Antecubital	
IV contrast	50mL OMNI 350 @ 4.0 or 5.0mL/sec.	
	- Use preset PE contrast mix injection protocol on injector.	
Contrast Delay	Bolus Tracked: Trigger Scan from HU.	
	- Each scanner has a different HU trigger.	
	- Trigger off Pulmonary Artery.	
PO Prep	None	
Reason for exam	The scan is primarily used as an assessment of pulmonary emboli in the pulmonary arteries.	

Scan Settings – CTA PE Chest with Contrast				
	Siemens SOMATOM Force	Philips iCT/Ingenuity	Canon Aquilion ONE Vision	
kV Setting:	CAREkV Ref kV= 100	120	100	
mA/mAs/TCM Setting:	CAREDose4D QRM = 120, Dose Savings Slider at 9	DoseRight DRI = 19, Liver Boost +3	SureExposure3D (SD= 13)	

Ite	erative Reconstruction Setting:	Admire Strength 3	iDose 2	AIDR 3D STD	
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Scan and Recon Instructions – CTA PE Chest with Contrast				
1.	Position patient feet first supine with arms above head.			
	- Give patient breathing instructions. Take a shallow breath or stop breathing when directed, so that there is no pressure on the chest.			
2.	Position tracker level of Carina and place bolus tracker on Pulmonary			
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3.	- 50mL OMNI 350 @ 4.0 or 5.0mL/sec Use preset contrast saline mix on injector. Locator/Tracker Scan top of chest through base of lungs.			
	 CTA Axial 2mm x 1mm (soft tissue) Coronal 2mm x 1mm (soft tissue) Axial 3mm x 1.5mm (lung) Coronal 5mm x 2.5mm MIP (soft tissue) 			

- Sagittal 5mm x 2.5mm MIP (soft tissue)