

Three Phase CEUs & SCS Continuing Education Presents:

# The Essentials of Radiographic Anatomy by John Fleming M.Ed. RT(R)(MR)(CT)

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# Course Abstract & Objectives:

#### Course Abstract:

The objective of this home study course is to provide the learner with a computer based tutorial that will provide them with the means to learn the radiographic anatomy of the major radiographic examinations performed on the body. After completion of this home study course, the participant will be able to identify the radiographic anatomy that is covered. A 100 question mastery test will be administered at the end of the tutorial to ensure that competency of the material was achieved.

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# Routine PA Chest:



## Routine PA Chest:

- 1. Apex of the Lung
- 2. Trachea
- 3. Spine of the Scapula
- 4. Aortic Arch
- 5. Clavicle
- 6. 8<sup>th</sup> Posterior Rib
- 7. Costophrenic Angle
- 8. Liver
- 9. Cardiophrenic Angle
- 10. Air in the Fundus of the Stomach
- 11. Left Hemidiaphragm



#### Routine Lateral Chest:



## Routine Lateral Chest:

- 1. Body of the Sternum
- 2. Right & Left Scapula
- 3. Primary Bronchi Seen on End
- 4. Thoracic Intervertebral Foramen
- 5. Slightly Rotated Posterior Ribs
- 6. Left Diaphragm
- 7. Left Costophrenic Angle
- 8. Shadow of the Heart



#### Soft Tissue of the Neck: AP



## Soft Tissue of the Neck: AP

Note: The chin should be elevated in order to facilitate an unobstructed view of the upper air way on this radiograph.

- 1. Mandible
- 2. Air in the Trachea
- 3. Spinous Process



#### Soft Tissue of the Neck: Lateral



#### Soft Tissue of the Neck: Lateral

- 1. Maxillary Sinus
- 2. Nasopharynx
- 3. Oropharynx
- 4. Epiglottis
- 5. Laryngopharynx
- 6. Larynx
- 7. Hyoid Bone



#### Supine Abdomen or KUB:



## Supine Abdomen or KUB:

- 1. Pedicle of L3
- 2. Shadow of the Kidney
- 3. Transverse Process of L5
- 4. Psoas Muscle
- 5. Sacroiliac Joint
- 6. Spina Bifida
- 7. ASIS
- 8. Acetabulum
- 9. Anterior Sacral Foramen
- 10. Phlebolith
- 11. Fovea Capitus
- 12. Obturator Foramen



# Upright Abdomen:



# Upright Abdomen:

- 1. Liver
- 2. Left Hemidiaphragm
- 3. 12<sup>th</sup> Rib
- 4. Air/Fluid Levels
- 5. Spinous Process of L4
- 6. Top of the Iliac Crest



#### Decubitus Abdomen:



#### Decubitus Abdomen:

The arrows are pointing to vertical air/fluid levels that can only be obtained when a decubitus position of the abdomen is performed. The upright and decubitus abdomen positions are performed in order to best demonstrate air/fluid levels and free air within the abdominal cavity.



# **Upper Extremity**

Thumb	Hand	Wrist	Elbow
AP, Oblique,	1. PA	1. PA	1. AP
& Lateral	2. Oblique	2. PA Oblique	2. Internal Oblique
	3. Lateral	3. Lateral	3. External Oblique
Finger		4. AP Oblique	4. Lateral
PA, Oblique,		5. Navicular	
& Lateral		6. Carpal Canal	

#### Routine Thumb:





Lateral

# Routine Thumb:

- 1. Tuft (Nail Bed)
- 2. Soft Tissue of Medial Border of Hand Overlying the 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpal
- 3. Sesamoid Bone
- 4. Interphalangeal Joint
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpophalangeal Joint
- 6. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpal



AP

### Routine Finger:



# Routine Finger:

- 1. Tuft (Nail Bed)
- 2. Proximal Interphalangeal Joint
- 3. Middle Phalanx
- 4. BBs x 2
- 5. Metacarpophalangeal Joint



PA

Oblique

# PA Hand:



### PA Hand:

- 1. Proximal Interphalangeal Joint (PIP)
- 2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Metacarpophalangeal Joint (MP)
- 3. Sesamoid Bone
- 4. Interphalangeal Joint of the 1<sup>st</sup> Digit
- 5. Shaft of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Metacarpal
- 6. Base of the 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpal
- 7. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 8. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 9. Capitate or Os Magnum



### Oblique Hand: Too Steep



### Oblique Hand: Too Steep

This hand is improperly positioned because the midshafts of the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> metacarpals should not overlap as indicated by the arrows.



# Oblique Hand: Properly Positioned



# Oblique Hand: Properly Positioned

This oblique hand is positioned better but it is still slightly too steep.

- 1. Head of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Metacarpal
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpophalangeal Joint (MP)
- 3. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 4. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 5. Styloid Process of the Ulna
- 6. Capitate or Os Magnum



#### Lateral Hand:



### Lateral Hand:

- 1. Superimposed Metacarpals
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpophalangeal Joint (MP)
- 3. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 4. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 5. Lunate or Semilunar



# PA Wrist:



# PA Wrist:

- 1. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 2. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 3. Capitate or Os Magnum
- 4. Lunate or Semilunar
- 5. Triquetrum, Triangular or Cuneiform
- 6. Pisiform
- 7. Hamate or Unciform
- 8. Shaft of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metacarpal



# PA Oblique Wrist:



# PA Oblique Wrist:

- 1. Lesser Multangular or Trapezoid
- 2. Capitate or Os Magnum
- 3. Styloid Process of the Ulna
- 4. Lunate or Semilunar
- 5. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 6. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 7. Shaft of the 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpal



# AP Oblique Wrist:


## AP Oblique Wrist:

This position best demonstrates the pisiform free from bony superimposition.

- 1. Shaft of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metacarpal
- 2. Hamulus of Hamate (Unciform)
- 3. Pisiform
- 4. Styloid Process of the Ulna
- 5. Styloid Process of the Radius



#### Lateral Wrist:



### Lateral Wrist:

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpophalangeal Joint (MP)
- 2. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 3. Pisiform
- 4. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 5. Lunate or Semilunar



### Ulnar Flexion or "Navicular" Wrist:



### Ulnar Flexion or "Navicular" Wrist:

As the name indicates, this position is primarily done to best demonstrate the navicular bone (arrow). It requires an ulnar deviation of the wrist and a 10 to 15 degree cephalic angle of the tube.



# Carpal Canal (Gaynor-Hart) Wrist:



# Carpal Canal (Gaynor-Hart) Wrist:

- 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Metacarpal
- 2. Greater Multangular or Trapezium
- 3. Navicular or Scaphoid
- 4. Hamulus of Hamate
- 5. Pisiform
- 6. 5<sup>th</sup> Metacarpal



### AP Elbow:



### AP Elbow:

- 1. Shaft of the Humerus
- 2. Olecranon Fossa
- 3. Capitulum
- 4. Head of the Radius
- 5. Neck of the Radius
- 6. Radial Tuberosity
- 7. Shaft of the Radius
- 8. Shaft of the Ulna
- 9. Coronoid Process
- 10. Trochlea
- 11. Epicondyle



#### Internal Oblique Elbow:



### Internal Oblique Elbow:

- 1. Shaft of the Humerus
- 2. Olecranon Fossa
- 3. Head of the Radius
- 4. Neck of the Radius
- 5. Radial Tuberosity
- 6. Coronoid Process
- 7. Trochlea



#### External Oblique Elbow:



### External Oblique Elbow:

- 1. Shaft of the Humerus
- 2. Olecranon Fossa
- 3. Trochlea
- 4. Coronoid Process
- 5. Radial Tuberosity
- 6. Neck of the Radius
- 7. Head of the Radius
- 8. Capitulum



#### Lateral Elbow:



#### Lateral Elbow:

- 1. Shaft of the Humerus
- 2. Head of the Radius
- 3. Neck of the Radius
- 4. Radial Tuberosity
- 5. Trochlear or Semilunar Notch
- 6. Olecranon Process



#### Shoulder Girdle

ScapulaClav1. AP1. AP2. Lateral2. Ta

Clavicle 1. AP 2. Tangential

#### Externally Rotated Shoulder:



### Externally Rotated Shoulder:

- 1. Acromion Process
- 2. Greater Tubercle of the Humerus
- 3. Intertubecular or Bicipital Groove
- 4. Anatomical Neck
- 5. Glenohumeral Joint Space
- 6. Coracoid Process
- 7. Lateral or Axillary Border of the Scapula



#### Internally Rotated Shoulder:



### Internally Rotated Shoulder:

- 1. Acromion Process
- 2. Coracoid Process
- 3. Glenoid Fossa
- 4. Head of the Humerus
- 5. Surgical Neck



### Internally Rotated Shoulder:

The quality of this radiograph is not quite as good as the previous internal oblique. However, it does do a better job of demonstrating the lesser tubercle in profile medially as indicated by the arrow. This is one means of determining the positioning accuracy of this study.



### Grashey Shoulder:



# Grashey Shoulder:

- 1. Anatomical Neck of the Humerus
- 2. Surgical Neck of the Humerus
- 3. Coracoid Process
- 4. Glenohumeral Joint Space (This must be completely free from bony superimposition.)



#### Transthoracic Shoulder:



#### Transthoracic Shoulder:

- 1. Scapula
- 2. Surgical Neck of the Humerus
- 3. Greater Tubercle of the Humerus
- 4. Head of the Humerus



### Axillary Shoulder:



# Axillary Shoulder:

- 1. Coracoid Process of the Scapula
- 2. Lesser Tubercle of the Humerus
- 3. Acromion Process
- 4. Glenoid Fossa of the Scapula
- 5. Spine of the Scapula



# AP Scapula:



# AP Scapula:

- 1. AC Joint
- 2. Scapular Notch
- 3. Spine of the Scapula
- 4. Medial or Vertebral Border
- 5. Lateral or Axillary Border
- 6. Glenoid Fossa
- 7. Intertubercular Groove (bicipital groove)



#### "Y" View of the Shoulder/Scapula:



### "Y" View of the Shoulder/Scapula:

- 1. Inferior Angle of the Scapula
- 2. Spine of the Scapula
- 3. Acromion Process
- 4. AC Joint
- 5. Head of the Humerus
- 6. Coracoid Process



### AP Clavicle:



### AP Clavicle:

- 1. Spinous Process
- 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Rib
- 3. Fracture Site
- 4. AC Joint
- 5. Acromion Process
- 6. Head of the Humerus
- 7. Scapular Spine
- 8. SC Joint



# Tangential Clavicle:



## Tangential Clavicle:

- 1. Air in the Trachea
- 2. Fracture Site
- 3. Coracoid Process
- 4. AC Joint
- 5. Acromion Process6. SC Joint



#### Foot, Ankle & Heel

ToesFootAnkleCalcaneousPA, Oblique1. AP1. AP1. Lateral& Lateral2. Oblique2. Oblique2. Tangential3. Lateral3. Lateral3. Lateral
#### Routine Toe:



AP



## Routine Toe:

- 1. Tuft or Nail Bed
- 2. Growth Plate
- 3. Interphalangeal Joint
- 4. Sesamoid Bones
- 5. 1<sup>st</sup> Metatarsophalangeal Joint



AP

Oblique

## AP Foot:



# **AP** Foot:

- 1. Lateral Malleolus
- 2. Cuboid
- 3. Base of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal
- 4. Head of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal
- 5. 4<sup>th</sup> Metatarsophalangeal Joint
- Interphalangeal Joint of the 1<sup>st</sup> Digit
- 7. Sesamoid Bone
- 8. 2<sup>nd</sup> Metatarsal
- 9. Medial Cuneiform10. Navicular

# Internal Oblique Foot:



# Internal Oblique Foot: (Magnified)



# Internal Oblique Foot: (Magnified)

- 1. Calcaneous or Os Calcis
- 2. Cuboid
- 3. Base of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal
- 4. Shaft of the 4<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal
- 5. 2<sup>nd</sup> Metatarsophalangeal Joint
- 6. Sesamoid Bones
- 7. Lateral Cuneiform
- 8. Navicular
- 9. Talus



# Lateral Foot: (Poorly Positioned)

- 1. The Tibia and Fibula should be aligned to ensure that they are directly superimposed.
- 2. The Metatarsals should also be directly superimposed.



# Lateral Foot: (Properly Positioned)



# Lateral Foot: (Properly Positioned)

- 1. Shaft of the Tibia
- 2. Talus
- 3. Navicular
- 4. Superimposed Cuneiforms
- 5. Superimposed Metatarsals
- 6. Sesamoid Bones
- 7. Base of the 5<sup>th</sup> Metatarsal
- 8. Cuboid
- 9. Calcaneous or Os Calcis



#### AP Ankle:



## AP Ankle:

- 1. Talus
- 2. Medial Malleolus
- 3. Ankle Joint or Mortise
- 4. Shaft of the Tibia
- 5. Shaft of the Fibula
- 6. Lateral Malleolus



# Internal Oblique Ankle:



## Internal Oblique Ankle:

- 1. Navicular
- 2. Tarsal Sinus
- 3. Medial Malleolus
- 4. Shaft of the Tibia
- 5. Lateral Malleolus
- 6. Talus
- 7. Calcaneous or Os Calcis



#### Lateral Ankle:



#### Lateral Ankle:

- 1. Shaft of the Fibula
- 2. Shaft of the Tibia
- 3. Talus
- 4. Navicular
- 5. Cuboid
- 6. Calcaneous or Os Calcis



#### Calcaneous: Lateral



#### Calcaneous: Lateral

- 1. Tarsal Sinus
- 2. Subtalar Joint
- 3. Talocalcaneonavicular Joint
- 4. Head of the Talus
- 5. Talonavicular Joint



#### Calcaneous: Tangential



## Calcaneous: Tangential

- 1. Fibula
- 2. Talocalcaneal Joint
- 3. Sustentaculum Tali
- 4. Tuberosity of the Calcaneous



#### Hip, Knee & Patella

Hip 1. AP Pelvis 2. AP Hip 3. Frog Hip 4. X-Table Lateral Hip

Sacroiliac Joints 1. AP Axial Projection 2. Posterior Oblique Knee

- **1. AP**
- 2. Internal Oblique
- **3. External Oblique**
- 4. Lateral
- 5. Tunnel

Patella 1. PA 2. Lateral 3. Tangential

# AP Pelvis:



## AP Pelvis:

- 1. Air in the Descending Colon 2. ASIS 3. Greater Trochanter 4. Body of the Ischium 5. Symphysis Pubis 6. Obturator Foramen 7. Acetabulum 8. Intertrochanteric Crest
- 9. Ala or Wing of the Ilium



# AP Hip:



# AP Hip:

- 1. Lesser Trochanter
- 2. Body of the Ischium
- 3. Ischial Tuberosity
- 4. Inferior Ramus of the Pubis
- 5. Superior Ramus of the Pubis
- 6. Obturator Foramen
- 7. Ischial Spine
- 8. ASIS
- 9. Head of the Femur
- 10. Neck of the Femur
- 11. Greater Trochanter
- 12. Intertrochanteric Crest



# Frog Hip:



# Frog Hip:

- 1. Lesser Trochanter
- 2. Ischial Tuberosity
- 3. Body of the Ischium
- 4. Obturator Foramen
- 5. Acetabulum
- 6. ASIS
- 7. Head of the Femur
- 8. Greater Trochanter
- 9. Intertrochanteric Crest



#### X-Table Lateral Hip:



#### X-Table Lateral Hip:

- Head of the Femur
  Neck of the Femur
- 3. Shaft
- 4. Fracture
- 5. Acetabulum



## Sacroiliac Joints: AP Axial Projection



# Sacroiliac Joints: AP Axial Projection

- 1. Superior Articular Process of the Sacrum
- 2. Spinous Process of L5
- 3. Left S.I. Joint
- 4. Obturator Foramen
- 5. Anterior Sacral Foramina
- 6. Right Ala of the Ilium



#### Sacroiliac Joints: RPO



#### Sacroiliac Joints: RPO

- Left Ala of the Ilium
  Left S.I. Joint
- 3. Left Acetabulum



#### AP Knee:



#### AP Knee:

- 1. Head of the Fibula
- 2. Tibial Plateau
- 3. Apex of the Patella
- 4. Base of the Patella
- 5. Shaft of the Femur
- 6. Medial Epicondyle of the Femur
- 7. Medial Condyle of the Femur
- 8. Medial Condyle of the Tibia
- 9. Intercondylar Eminence



## Internal Oblique Knee:


#### Internal Oblique Knee:

- 1. Head of the Fibula
- 2. Lateral Condyle of the Femur
- 3. Lateral Epicondyle of the Femur
- 4. Base of the Patella
- 5. Apex of the Patella
- 6. Intercondylar Eminence
- 7. Shaft of the Tibia



# External Oblique Knee:



#### External Oblique Knee:

- 1. Base of the Patella
- 2. Medial Epicondyle of the Femur
- 3. Medial Condyle of the Femur
- 4. Medial Condyle of the Tibia
- 5. Lateral Tibial Plateau



#### Lateral Knee: (Poorly Positioned)

The arrows are pointing the the medial and lateral condyles of the femur. They should be perfectly superimposed on a true lateral of the knee.



#### Lateral Knee: (Properly Positioned)



## Lateral Knee: (Properly Positioned)

- 1. Tibial Tuberosity
- 2. Apex of the Patella
- 3. Base of the Patella
- 4. Shaft of the Femur
- 5. Superimposed Condyles of the Femur
- 6. Fabella (sesamoid bone)
- 7. Intercondylar Eminence



#### Intercondyloid Fossa or Tunnel Knee:



#### Intercondyloid Fossa or Tunnel Knee:

- 1. Intercondylar Eminence
- 2. Tibial Plateau
- 3. Intercondylar Fossa
- 4. Medial Condyle of the Femur
- 5. Medial Condyle of the Tibia



#### PA Patella:



#### PA Patella:

# Base of the Patella Apex of the Patella



#### Lateral Patella:



#### Lateral Patella:

Base of the Patella
 Apex of the Patella
 Ludloff's Spot



#### Tangential Patella:



#### Tangential Patella:

Medial Articulation Facet
 Medial Condyle of the Femur
 Lateral Condyle of the Femur



#### C & T Spine

Cervical Spine 1. AP 2. Open Mouth or Odontoid 3. Oblique 4. Lateral 5. Fuch Method

6. Flexion & Extension

Thoracic Spine

AP
Lateral
Cervicothoracic

#### Cervical Spine: AP

It is imperative on an AP projection of the cervical spine that the chin be raised to a point where the inferior border of the mandible and the base of the skull are aligned. On this particular radiograph, however, the chin was raised to a point where the occipital bone (arrows) became superimposed over the anatomy of interest.



#### Cervical Spine: AP Properly Positioned



#### Cervical Spine: AP Properly Positioned

- 1. Angle of the Mandible
- 2. Intervertebral Disc of C3-C4
- 3. Air in the Trachea
- 4. 1<sup>st</sup> Rib
- 5. Spinous Process of T1
- 6. Body of C5
- 7. Occipital Bone
- 8. Mastoid Tip



#### Cervical Spine: AP "Open Mouth"

This is a poorly positioned "Open Mouth" position of the odontoid. The arrows are pointing to the occipital bone which is overlying the tip of the odontoid. The patient must tuck their chin in order to achieve the proper position.



#### Cervical Spine: AP "Open Mouth"



# Cervical Spine: AP "Open Mouth"

#### **Properly Positioned**

- 1. Transverse Process of C1
- 2. Zygapophyseal Joint of C1-C2
- 3. Body of C2
- 4. Body of the Mandible
- 5. Lateral Mass of C1
- 6. Odontoid or Dens
- 7. Upper Incisors



# Cervical Spine: LPO



# Cervical Spine: LPO Magnified



# Cervical Spine: LPO Magnified

- 1. Posterior Arch of C1
- 2. Intervertebral Foramen of C2-C3
- 3. Superior Articulating Process of C5
- 4. Pedicle of C5
- 5. Trachea
- 6. Body of the Dens



# Cervical Spine: Lateral



#### Cervical Spine: Lateral

- 1. Nasopharynx
- 2. Oropharynx
- 3. Transverse Process of C3
- 4. Body of T1
- 5. Spinous Process of C7 (vertebra prominens)
- 6. Zygapophyseal Joint of C4-C5
- 7. Posterior Arch of C1
- 8. Occipital Bone



#### Cervical Spine: Fuch (Judd) Method

This is an optional position to be done if the dens cannot be visualized on the open mouth projection.



#### Cervical Spine: Fuch (Judd) Method

- 1. Foramen Magnum
- 2. Mandible
- 3. Odontoid or Dens
- 4. Body of C2
- 5. Occipital Bone



#### Cervical Spine: Flexion & Extension



This is an optional position that is usually ordered to rule out whiplash injuries. It is a functional study used to demonstrate the patient's range of motion.

#### Thoracic Spine: AP

It is difficult to acquire the proper density on this position because the heart overlies the distal portion of the T-spine. A wedge filter or a saline bag placed over the upper Tspine is very helpful in compensating for this difference in tissue thickness. Some radiographers prefer to shoot an extra film of just the upper T-spine with a lower technique as demonstrated on the next slide.



## Thoracic Spine: AP Magnified



# Thoracic Spine: AP Magnified

- 1. Spinous Process of T1
- 2. Body of T2
- 3. Right Sternoclavicular (SC) Joint
- 4. Carina of the Trachea



#### Thoracic Spine: Lateral

This position requires a low mA and a 3 to 4 second exposure to properly blur out the ribs and lung markings. Additionally, the shoulders prevent the visualization of the upper 2 to 3 thoracic vertebra



#### Thoracic Spine: Lateral

- 1. Scapula
- 2. Primary Bronchus
- 3. Intervertebral Disc
- 4. Body of Thoracic Vertebra (with some compression from osteoporosis)
- 5. Intervertebral Foramen



## Thoracic Spine: Cervicothoracic

This position is primarily done to best demonstrate the cervicothoracic region of the spine. It may be performed as part of a C-spine series to demonstrate the C7-T1 joint space or to visualize the upper three to four thoracic vertebra that are not visualized on a lateral T-spine.



#### Thoracic Spine: Cervicothoracic

Posterior Arch of C1
 Head of the Left Humerus
 Left Clavicle
 Body of C7


#### L-Spine & Sacrum

Lumbar Spine 1. AP 2. Oblique 3. Lateral 4. Lateral L5/S1 Spot Sacrum & Coccyx
1. AP Sacrum
2. AP Coccyx
3. Lateral Sacrum & Coccyx

## Lumbar Spine: AP



### Lumbar Spine: AP Magnified



### Lumbar Spine: AP

- 1. Sacroiliac (SI) Joint
- 2. Transverse Process of L5
- 3. Pedicle of L3
- 4. Spinous Process of L2
- Zygapophyseal Joint of L2-L3 (vertical black line)
- 6. Superior Articulating Process of L4
- 7. Anterior Sacral Foramen



# Lumbar Spine: LPO



### Lumbar Spine: LPO Magnified



### Lumbar Spine: LPO Magnified

- 1. Inferior Articulating Process
- 2. Pedicle
- 3. Superior Articulating Process
- 4. Transverse Process
- 5. Body
- 6. Zygapophyseal Joint (vertical black line)
- 7. Pars Interarticularis



# Lumbar Spine: Lateral



### Lumbar Spine: Lateral

- 1. Intervertebral Disc Space of L3-L4
- 2. Body of L2
- 3. Intervertebral Foramen of L3-L4
- 4. Spinous Process of L4
- 5. Iliac Crest



### Lumbar Spine: Lateral L5/S1 Spot



### Lumbar Spine: Lateral L5/S1 Spot

- 1. Top of the Right Iliac Crest (magnified due to OID)
- 2. Body of L5
- 3. Top of the Left Iliac Crest
- 4. L5-S1 Joint Space
- 5. Sacral Promontory
- 6. 1<sup>st</sup> Sacral Segment
- 7. Sacral Canal



### AP Sacrum



### AP Sacrum

- 1. Spinous Process of L5
- 2. L5-S1 Joint Space
- 3. Sacroiliac (SI) Joint
- 4. Anterior Sacral Foramen
- 5. Acetabulum
- 6. Obturator Foramen



## AP Coccyx



### AP Coccyx

A 10 degree caudal tube angle will desuperimpose the symphysis pubis and the coccyx as indicated by the arrow. This position will best demonstrate a lateral displacement of the coccyx.



### Lateral Sacrum/Coccyx



#### Lateral Sacrum/Coccyx

Sacral Canal
 Greater Sciatic Notch
 Coccyx



#### Sternum & Ribs

Sternum 1. RAO 2. Lateral Ribs 1. AP Upper 2. AP Lower 3. Oblique Upper 4. Oblique Lower

### RAO Sternum



### RAO Sternum: Magnified



### RAO Sternum: Magnified

- 1. Overlying Posterior Rib
- 2. Manubrium
- 3. Sternal Angle
- 4. Body



#### Lateral Sternum



### Lateral Sternum

This radiograph is generally considered the most important film used to diagnose a depressed fracture of the sternum.

- 1. Manubrium
- 2. Sternal Angle
- 3. Body
- 4. Calcified Cartilage



# AP Upper Ribs



### AP Upper Ribs

Above the diaphragm rib technique includes using 65 to 75 kVp and the film must be taken on inspiration.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Rib

- 2. Posterior Aspect of the 5<sup>th</sup> Rib
- 3. Axillary Aspect of the 4<sup>th</sup> Rib



### AP Lower Ribs



### AP Lower Ribs

Below the diaphragm technique includes using 75 to 85 kVp and the film must be taken on expiration.

Posterior Aspect of the 9<sup>th</sup> Rib
 Air in the Fundus of the Stomach
 Air in the Left Colic Flexure
 12<sup>th</sup> Rib (floating)



### LPO or RAO Upper Ribs



### LPO or RAO Upper Ribs

LPO ribs will best demonstrate the axillary or anterior aspect of the left ribs and the posterior aspect of the right ribs.

1. Posterior Aspect of the Right Ribs

2. Left Clavicle

3. Axillary or Anterior Aspect of the Left Ribs



#### LPO or RAO Lower Ribs



#### LPO or RAO Lower Ribs

Left Diaphragm
 10<sup>th</sup> Rib
 12<sup>th</sup> Rib (floating)



### Skull & Mandible

Routine Skull 1. PA 2. PA Caldwell 3. Towne's 4. Lateral Mandible 1. PA 2. Towne's 3. Axiolateral Oblique

### PA Skull:



### PA Skull:

- 1. Lambdoidal Suture
- 2. Ethmoid Sinus
- 3. Petrous Ridge
- 4. Maxillary Sinus
- 5. Body of the Mandible
- 6. Condyle of the Mandible
- 7. Mastoid Air Cells



#### PA Caldwell Skull:

Somebody was either in a hurry or looking for a little Devine Intervention!!



#### PA Caldwell Skull:


## PA Caldwell Skull:

- 1. Lambdoidal Suture
- 2. Crista Galli
- 3. Superior Orbital Fissure
- 4. Frontal Sinuses
- 5. Ethmoid Sinuses
- 6. Maxillary Sinus
- 7. Mastoid Tip
- 8. Petrous Ridge
- 9. Lesser Wing of the Sphenoid



### Towne's Skull:



### Towne's Skull:

- 1. Lambdoidal Suture
- 2. Foramen Magnum
- 3. Dorsum Sella
- 4. Petrous Ridge
- 5. Condyle of the Mandible



### Lateral Skull:



## Lateral Skull:

- 1. Coronal Suture
- 2. Orbital Plates of the Frontal Bone
- 3. Posterior Clinoid Process
- 4. Auricle or Pinna (Ear)
- 5. Lambdoidal Suture
- 6. External Occipital Protuberance
- 7. Posterior Arch of C1
- 8. Sphenoid Sinus



### PA Mandible:



### PA Mandible:

This position is primarily done to best demonstrate the ramus and body of the mandible bilaterally. The mentum is not well demonstrated as it is superimposed on the C-spine.

- 1. Ramus
- 2. Body
- 3. Angle of the Mandible



#### Towne's Mandible:

This position is primarily done to best demonstrate the condyles of the mandible bilaterally. Some departments require that the mentum be included on this radiograph. However, as you can see, it is not well demonstrated as it is superimposed on the C-spine. Also, partials must be removed prior to taking this film.



#### Towne's Mandible:



### Towne's Mandible:

This radiograph is properly positioned. The partial has been removed and the mentum has been collimated off.

- 1. Petrous Ridges
- 2. Shadow of the Foramen Magnum
- 3. Neck of the Condyle
- 4. Head of the Condyle



## Axiolateral Oblique Mandible: RPO

When performing mandible radiography, it is imperative that the patient take out any removable dental work such as the partial that the arrow is pointing to on this radiograph.



## Axiolateral Oblique Mandible: RPO



# Axiolateral Oblique Mandible: RPO

This is the same patient minus the partial

- 1. Coronoid Process
- 2. Mandibular Notch
- 3. Condyle of the Mandible
- 4. Ramus
- 5. Angle of the Mandible
- 6. Body
- 7. Mental Foramen
- 8. Fracture of the Mentum



## Facial Bones, Sinuses & Orbits

**Facial Bones/Sinuses** 

1. Water's

2. Open Mouth Waters

3. Caldwell

4. Lateral

**5. SMV** 

**Nasal Bones** 

1. Waters

2. Lateral

Orbits

1. Rhese for Pathology

2. Rhese for Trauma

Arches 1. SMV 2. Tangential SMV 3. Towne's

#### Water's Facial Facial Bones & Sinuses:



#### Water's Facial Facial Bones & Sinuses:

- 1. Frontal Sinus
- 2. Zygoma or Malar Bone
- 3. Maxillary Sinus
- 4. Coronoid Process of the Mandible
- 5. Angle of the Mandible
- 6. Dens or Odontoid
- 7. Foramen Magnum
- 8. Zygomatic Arch
- 9. Infraorbital Foramen



## Open Mouth Water's Sinuses:

This is an optional position of the sinuses that is done by simply positioning the patient for a Water's Method and then instructing them to open their mouth. A PA projection of the sphenoid sinus is demonstrated within the boundaries of their mouth.



### PA Caldwell Facial Bones & Sinuses:



## PA Caldwell Facial Bones & Sinuses:

- 1. Lambdoidal Suture
- 2. Crista Galli
- 3. Superior Orbital Fissure
- 4. Frontal Sinuses
- 5. Ethmoid Sinuses
- 6. Maxillary Sinus
- 7. Mastoid Tip
- 8. Petrous Ridge
- 9. Lesser Wing of the Sphenoid



#### Lateral Facial Bones & Sinuses:



## Lateral Facial Bones & Sinuses:

- 1. Orbital Plates of the Frontal Bone
- 2. Sella Turcica
- 3. Ethmoid Sinus
- 4. Sphenoid Sinus
- 5. Oropharynx
- 6. Alveolar Process of the Maxillary Bone
- 7. Angle of the Mandible
- 8. Body of the Mandible
- 9. Hyoid Bone



## SMV Sinuses:



## SMV Sinuses:

- 1. Petrous Ridge
- 2. Head of the Condyle of the Mandible
- 3. Anterior Arch of C1
- 4. Ethmoid Sinus
- 5. Maxillary Sinus
- 6. Sphenoid Sinus
- 7. Dens or Odontoid



#### Water's Nasal Bones:

This position is done to determine if the patient has a deviated bony nasal septum (1). Additionally, if the patient does have a trauma to the nose, the maxillary sinuses may fill with blood (2).



#### Lateral Nasal Bones:



#### Lateral Nasal Bones:

- 1. Nasal Bones
- 2. Nasal Cartilage
- 3. Naris or Nostril
- 4. Anterior Nasal Spine



## Zygomatic Arches: SMV



## Zygomatic Arches: SMV

- 1. Zygoma or Malar Bone
- 2. Zygomatic Arch
- 3. Zygomatic Process of the Temporal Bone



## Zygomatic Arches: Tangential



## Zygomatic Arches: Tangential

- 1. Zygoma or Malar Bone
- 2. Zygomatic Arch
- 3. Zygomatic Process of the Temporal Bone



## Zygomatic Arches: Towne's

This is an optional position of the zygomatic arches and it is usually performed when the routine positions have failed. It is done by positioning the patient for the Towne's method and centering to ensure that the central ray passes through the arches. Additionally, the technical factors must be adjusted down to ensure proper density of the arches.



## Rhese Orbits: For Pathology

Note: For this position, it is imperative that a proper patient history is acquired. The technique must be set according to the area of interest. The technical factors for this radiograph were set to best demonstrate the side down orbit for pathology to the optic nerve.



## Rhese Orbits: For Pathology

Supraorbital Margin
 Frontal Sinus
 Optic Canal
 Maxillary Sinus



### Rhese Orbits: For Trauma

Note: The technical factors for this radiograph were reduced to best demonstrate the side up orbit for trauma to the lateral wall of the orbit.

The arrows are pointing to the superior aspect of the malar bone and the lateral aspect of the frontal which together make up the lateral wall of the orbit.



# **Upper Gastrointestinal System**

Upper Gastrointestinal Series
1. Description
2. RAO Esophagus
3. RAO Stomach
4. PA Stomach
5. Right Lateral Stomach
6. LPO Stomach
7. AP Stomach

Small Bowel Series
1. Description
2. 20 Minute Delay
3. 40 Minute Delay
4. Terminal Ileum Spot

## Upper Gastrointestinal (UGI) Series

An UGI series is a radiographic examination of the esophagus and stomach. This is generally a double contrast study where the patient is instructed by a radiologist to ingest carbon dioxide gas crystals and barium under fluoroscopy. A series of radiographs is taken under fluoroscopy by the radiologist and sometimes at the end of the exam by the radiographer.
## UGI: RAO Esophagus



# UGI: RAO Esophagus

- 1. Esophagus
- 2. Lower Esophageal Sphincter (LES)
- 3. Air in the Fundus



### UGI: RAO Stomach



# UGI: RAO Stomach

- 1. Duodenal Bulb or Ampulla
- 2. Pyloric Orifice
- 3. Air in the Fundus
- 4. Body of the Stomach
- 5. Angular Notch
- 6. Pyloric Antrum
- 7. Muscular Sphincter of Pylorus



## UGI: PA Stomach



# UGI: PA Stomach

- 1. Pyloric Antrum of the Stomach
- 2. Lesser Curvature of the Stomach
- 3. Air in the Fundus
- 4. Greater Curvature of the Stomach
- 5. Body of the Stomach
- 6. Jejunum



## UGI: Right Lateral Stomach



# UGI: Right Lateral Stomach

- 1. Air in the Fundus
- 2. Rugae (Mucosal Folds)
- 3. Body of the Stomach
- 4. Bulb of the Duodenum
- 5. Body of a Lumbar Vertebrae (note that it is in the lateral position)
- 6. Pyloric Antrum
- 7. Descending Portion of the Duodenum



## UGI: LPO Stomach



# UGI: LPO Stomach

- 1. Barium in the Fundus
- 2. Muscular Sphincter of Pylorus
- 3. Pyloric Orifice
- 4. Gastric Areolae



## UGI: AP Stomach



# UGI: AP Stomach

- 1. Barium in the Fundus
- 2. Lesser Curvature of the Stomach
- 3. Pyloric Antrum
- 4. Body of the Stomach
- 5. Rugae



#### Small Bowel Series (SBS)

An small bowel series is a radiographic examination of the small intestine and it is often combined with an UGI series. This is generally a single contrast study where the patient is instructed to ingest 16 ounces of thin barium. A series of radiographs is taken every 15 to 20 minutes until the barium reaches the large intestine. A spot radiograph is then taken of the terminal ileum by either by the radiologist or the radiographer.

## SBS: 20 Minute Delay



# SBS: 20 Minute Delay

- 1. Descending Portion of the Duodenum
- 2. Duodenal Bulb or Cap
- 3. Lesser Curvature of the Stomach
- 4. Pyloric Antrum of the Stomach
- 5. Jejunum



## SBS: 40 Minute Delay



## SBS: 40 Minute Delay

- 1. Descending Portion of the Duodenum
- 2. Ileum
- 3. Jejunum



### SBS: 60 Minute Delay

After the barium reaches the large intestine as indicated by the arrow, the exam is near complete. A fluoroscopy spot radiograph is then taken by either a radiologist or a radiographer depending on the department routine.



# SBS Spot Film of the Terminal Ileum:



# SBS Spot Film of the Terminal Ileum:

- 1. Haustra
- 2. Terminal Ileum
- 3. Compression Paddle
- 4. Cecum
- 5. Appendix or Vermiform Process



# Lower Gastrointestinal System

**Lower Gastrointestinal Series 1. Description** 2. AP 3. AP Axial or "Sigmoid" **4. RPO 5. LPO** 6. Lateral Rectum 7. Right Lateral Decub 8. Left Lateral Decub 9. X-Table Lateral Rectum

Water-soluble Enema
Via Colostomy
1. Description
2. Scout
3. AP Spot #1
4. AP Spot #2
5. AP Spot #3
6. Post Evacuation

# Lower Gastrointestinal Series or Barium Enema (BE)

A lower GI series or BE is a radiographic examination of the large intestine. This is generally a single or a double contrast study where barium and air is instilled via the rectum by a radiologist under fluoroscopy. A series of radiographs is taken under fluoroscopy by the radiologist and at the end of the exam by the radiographer.

# BE with Air: AP Upper



# BE with Air: AP Upper

- 1. Cecum
- 2. Ascending Colon
- 3. Hepatic or Right Colic Flexure
- 4. Haustra
- 5. Transverse Colon
- 6. Splenic or Left Colic Flexure
- 7. Descending Colon
- 8. Sigmoid Colon



### BE with Air: AP Lower



### BE with Air: AP Lower

- 1. Cecum
- 2. Sigmoid Colon
- 3. Descending Colon
- 4. Rectum
- 5. Balloon for the Enema Tip



### BE with Air: AP Axial or "Sigmoid"



# BE with Air: AP Axial or "Sigmoid"

- Descending Colon
   Sigmoid Colon
- 3. Rectum



### BE with Air: RPO



# BE with Air: RPO

- 1. Ascending Colon
- 2. Hepatic or Right Colic Flexure
- 3. Transverse Colon
- 4. Splenic or Left Colic Flexure
- 5. Descending Colon
- 6. Belly Button Piercing

Note: This position best demonstrates the splenic flexure.



## BE with Air: LPO



## BE with Air: LPO

- 1. Rectum
- 2. Cecum
- 3. Ascending Colon
- 4. Hepatic or Right Colic Flexure
- 5. Transverse Colon
- 6. Descending Colon

Note: This position best demonstrates the hepatic flexure.



### BE with Air: Lateral Rectum



## BE with Air: Lateral Rectum

- 1. Sacrum
- 2. Sigmoid Colon
- 3. Rectum
- 4. Heads of both Femurs Superimposed
- 5. BE Tip



### BE with Air: Right Lateral Decubitus



# BE with Air: Right Lateral Decubitus

- 1. Hepatic or Right Colic Flexure
- 2. Transverse Colon
- 3. Splenic or Left Colic Flexure
- 4. Descending Colon
- 5. Rectum


#### BE with Air: Left Lateral Decubitus



### BE with Air: Left Lateral Decubitus

- 1. Cecum
- 2. Ascending Colon
- 3. Hepatic or Right Colic Flexure
- 4. Transverse Colon
- 5. Descending Colon
- 6. Splenic or Left Colic Flexure



#### BE with Air: PA X-table Lateral Rectum



#### BE with Air: PA X-table Lateral Rectum

- 1. Sacrum
- 2. Air in the Posterior Rectum
- 3. BE Tip
- 4. Barium in the Anterior Rectum
- 5. Sigmoid Colon



# Lower G.I. Series with Water-soluble Iodinated Contrast via a Colostomy

Prior to removing a patient's temporary colostomy, an examination employing the instillation of a water-soluble contrast agent, such as Gastroview or Gastrografin, may be performed. During this procedure, a Foley catheter is inserted into the stoma and the balloon is inflated. Next, the contrast agent is slowly instilled and spot radiographs are taken. This same process may also performed by inserting the enema tip into the rectum and instilling contrast material from the rectum up to the stoma.

#### Lower G.I. Series via Colostomy: Scout

The arrows indicate the area where the temporary colostomy has been surgically inserted.



#### Lower G.I. Series via Colostomy: Scout

This is a magnified image of the previous radiograph which further delineates the outline of the stoma as indicated by the arrows.



The arrow is pointing to the Foley catheter that has been carefully inserted into the colostomy and has had the balloon inflated. The water-soluble contrast agent is slowly instilled into the colon.





- 1. Transverse Colon
- 2. Descending Colon
- 3. Balloon from the Foley Catheter
- 4. Sigmoid Colon
- 5. Contrast Material in the Foley Catheter



After the colon has been fully distended and it has been determined that it is in fact patent, the exam is terminated.



A post evacuation radiograph is generally performed to complete the procedure. The arrows are pointing to residual feces within the colon.



## **Intravenous Pyelogram**

**Intravenous Pyelogram** 

- 1. Scout
- 2. Immediate
- 3. Tomogram
- 4. RPO
- 5. 10 Minute Delay
- 6. Post Void
- 7. Magnified Kidney
- 8. Compression Technique

#### Intravenous Pyelogram or IVP:

A scout radiograph is always taken as part of the routine for an IVP. This is done to ensure that the patient has been properly prepped and has no residual barium from a previous exam is present. In this case, there is some air in the large intestine, however, there is not enough to warrant postponing the exam.



## IVP: "Immediate" Radiograph

The routine for an IVP varies at each facility and in many cases with each radiologist. In this particular routine, a full KUB is taken immediately following the injection of iodinated contrast material. The contrast is still in the nephron stage of filtration and this causes the kidneys to have a white, hazy appearance.



## IVP: Kidney Cone-down or "KU"

Some departments require a cone down of just the kidneys. The kidneys are obstructed by the presence of gas in the transverse colon. This patient is the perfect candidate for tomography as you will see on the next slide.



## IVP: Tomogram



# IVP: Tomogram

Tomograms have the ability to remove obstructive anatomy found above and below the kidneys

- 1. Shadow of the Liver
- 2. Minor Calyx
- 3. Major Calyx
- 4. Renal Pelvis
- 5. Renal Cortex
- 6. Shadow of the Spleen



## IVP: RPO

The patient should be placed in a shallow, 30 degree oblique for this position. On this particular radiograph, the patient is too steep thus causing the side up (left) kidney to be superimposed over the lumbar spine. Turn to the next slide for a magnified view.



## IVP: RPO Magnified

It is acceptable for the side up (left) ureter to be superimposed on the spine but, the arrows clearly indicate that the left renal pelvis is overlying the spine which is an indication that the patient is too steep.



## IVP: RPO

This radiograph is nearly perfectly positioned. The side up kidney (left) is now no longer superimposed on the spine. As a point of interest, the left kidney is parallel to the film and the right kidney is nearly lateral to the film. You will need this information to answer one of the questions on the Mastery Test.



#### IVP: 10 Minute Delay



## IVP: 10 Minute Delay

Normal peristalsis of the ureters results in the contrast material moving through them in waves as clearly demonstrated on this radiograph. It is imperative that the entire bladder is demonstrated on this radiograph.

- 1. Proximal Ureter
- 2. Distal Ureter
- 3. Urinary Bladder



#### IVP: Post Void

A prone or upright KUB is taken after the patient has been instructed to void or micturate. This radiograph is used to demonstrate how well the patient can empty their bladder. Therefore, the entire urinary bladder must be visualized.



## IVP: Magnified Kidney



## IVP: Magnified Kidney

Renal Papilla
Major Calyx
Minor Calyx
Renal Pelvis



### **IVP** With Compression

Some departments still require the use of ureteric compression devices that required the use of inflatable paddles being placed over the pelvic brim and held in place with a Velcro strap. The idea was to manually prevent the flow of contrast into the bladder and thus enhance the filling of the pelvicalyceal and proximal ureters as indicated by the arrows.



### IVP With Compression: Magnified



### **IVP Post Compression**

In this particular study, the paddles are removed prior to the 10 minute radiograph. This "post compression" film would then demonstrate the flow of contrast through the distal ureters and into the urinary bladder as indicated by the arrows.



## Myelogram

Myelogram 1. Lumbar PA 2. Lumbar Oblique 3. Lumbar X-Table Lateral 4. Cervical X-Table Lateral

### Lumbar Myelogram: PA

A lumbar myelogram is generally performed by a radiologist with the assistance of a radiographer. A spinal needle is placed below the spinal cord and into the subarachnoid space usually either between L2/L3 or L3/L4. CSF is removed and iodinated contrast material is instilled intrathecally. A series of radiographs is then taken.



## Lumbar Myelogram: PA

- 1. Conus Medullaris (terminal spinal cord)
- 2. Cauda Equina or "Horses Tail" (group of nerve roots that exit the spinal cord at the conus medullaris)
- 3. Nerve Root



# Lumbar Myelogram: LAO



## Lumbar Myelogram: LAO

- 1. Pedicle
- 2. Intervertebral Disc Space
- 3. Cauda Equina or "Horses Tail"



#### Lumbar Myelogram: X-Table Lateral



## Lumbar Myelogram: X-Table Lateral

- 1. Area where a disk may herniate into the spinal cord or nerve root
- 2. Intervertebral Disc
- 3. Cauda Equina or "Horses Tail"


#### Cervical Myelogram: X-Table Lateral



### Cervical Myelogram: X-Table Lateral

- 1. Intervertebral Disc
- Contrast Material in the Subarachnoid Space Surrounding the Spinal Cord
- 3. "Cage" Internal Fixator



#### Parotid Sialogram:

Sialography is the radiographic examination of the salivary ducts and glands. It is a somewhat antiquated exam that has mostly been replaced by CT and MRI. However, it is still occasionally performed and thus it is included in this tutorial.



#### Parotid Sialogram: Initial Injection

- 1. Parotid or Stensen's Duct
- 2. Catheter/Cannula



#### Parotid Sialogram

- 1. Parotid or Stensen's Duct
- 2. Catheter/Cannula
- 3. Parotid Gland



#### Parotid Sialogram: AP

- 1. Catheter/Cannula
- 2. Parotid or Stensen's Duct
- 3. Parotid Gland



## Hysterosalpingogram or HSG:

An HSG is the radiographic examination of the uterus and uterine tubes. It is performed by a radiologist with the assistance of a radiographer. The procedure consists of instilling a water-based iodinated contrast agent into the uterus via catheterization through the vagina.



## Hysterosalpingogram or HSG:

This exam was performed on digital equipment and was printed as a positive image.

- 1. Uterus
- 2. Uterine or Fallopian Tube
- 3. Infundibulum
- 4. Metal Speculum



#### Hysterosalpingogram or HSG:

This exam was performed on conventional x-ray equipment and demonstrates a blockage of the right uterine tube as indicated by the arrow.



There are 100 questions on this test. All answers can be found within the context of this program. The "hint" button located next to each question will provide you the information needed to answer the question. At any time during the test you may skip a question and return to it later. You must successfully answer 70% of the questions in order to receive credit for the course. To access the test, please close out of this course by clicking the "x" in the top right corner.

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