Making the Most of 3T for Body MRI

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Target audience: Radiologists who practice or wish to practice body MRI.

Synopsis: Body MRI is challenged by patient and physiologic motion. 3T offers a

substantial signal gain over 1.5T imaging that can overcome these limitations and

increase the reliability of obtaining high quality images. However, simple migration

of protocols from 1.5T to 3T will result in suboptimal images. Thus, this

presentation will focus on a series of protocol adjustments to improve diagnostic

image quality. Adjustments specific to liver, renal/adrenal, bowel, and pelvic MR

protocols will be covered. Upon completion, the attendee will have both an

understanding of important principles of optimization for 3T, as well as an action

item checklist.

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