

SF 14 MS-02

Special Focus Session (SF 14)

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DECT: crystal and edema

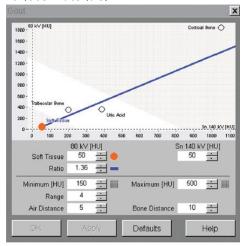
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[Gout and DECT]

General introduction

Initially, dual-energy CT was shown to be capable of enabling reliable diagnosis and identification of uric acid nephrolithiasis by taking advantage of attenuation differences among various materials.



Artifacts of DECT

TABLE 2: Incidences and Types of Artifact Identified on Dual-Energy CT

	Patients (n = 50)	
Artifact	No.	%
Nail bed	44	88
Skin	22	44
Submillimeter	14	28
Beam hardening	8	16
Other	6	12

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Artifact Type	Artifact-Reduction Methods	
Motion	Use tape or blocks to immobilize the patient's limbs Increase the speed of the gantry from 1 rotation per second to 1 rotation every 0.3 s	
Single pixel	Use D24 kernel or Q34 kernel (iterative reconstruction) Increase Range parameter from 3 to 5	
Beam-hardening and metal	Use D24, D34, or Q34 kernel to reconstruct Remove metal (e.g., jewelry) where possible	
Nail bed, skin, plantar fascia	Increase Air Distance parameter from 5 to 10 Decrease Bone Distance parameter from 10 to 5 Use D33 kernel to reduce skin artifact	
Vascular	Increase Minimum and Range parameters Add a new reconstruction with a softer kernel (D20 or D24) or add iterative reconstruction (e.g., Q30)	

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[Primary Image findings of Gout in other studies, US]

Hyperechoic tophi: Double line sign, Wet sugur sign, Speckle sign

Eccentric bony erosion: Overhanging edge

[Nonspecific Image findings]

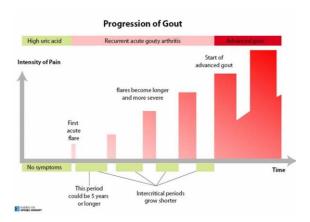
Soft tissue edema

Joint effusion

Synovial hypertrophy

Hyperechoic spots

[Clinical Progression of Gout]



Time course of episode(s) ever

Presence (ever) of ≥ 2 , irrespective of anti-inflammatory treatment:

- ▶ Time to maximal pain <24 h</p>
- Resolution of symptoms in ≤14 days
- ► Complete resolution (to baseline level) between symptomatic episodes