



## Approximate fetal effective doses (mSv) arising from common radiological examinations of pregnant patients†

Examination	1st trimester	3rd trimester
<b>Conventional Radiography*</b>		
Skull	<0.01	<0.01
Chest	<0.01	<0.01
Cervical spine	<0.01	<0.01
Thoracic spine	<0.01	<0.01
Lumbar spine	2	6
Abdomen	1.5	2.5
Pelvis	1	2
Intravenous pyleogram (IVP)	2	10
Extremities	<0.01	<0.01
Mammography	<0.01	<0.01
Barium meal	1	6
Barium enema	7	25
<b>CT**</b>		
Head	<0.005	<0.005
Neck	<0.005	<0.01
Chest without portal phase	0.1	0.6
Chest with portal phase	1	7
Chest (pulmonary embolism)	0.1	0.4
Chest/abdomen/pelvis	12	13
Abdomen/pelvis – single phase	12	12
Abdomen/pelvis – multi phase	15	30
Thoracic spine	0.2	1.0
Lumbar spine	10	25
Pelvimetry	-	0.2

\* Based on data from Sharp et al. and simulations using PCXMC code.

\*\* Estimates for CT examinations are obtained using the ImPACT dose calculator and typical technique factors.

†Table reproduced from Annex A of 'Safety Guide: Radiation Protection in Diagnostic and Interventional Radiology', Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA), Radiation Protection Series 14.1 (2008). Note that all doses should be treated as indicative only as individual doses can differ from the tabulated values by as much as a factor of 10, except for those examinations remote from the lower abdomen.

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