

RIBS

ROUTINE: AP Upper and Lower Ribs of affected side & 25-30° Obliques of Upper and Lower Ribs of affected side for a total of 4 views. Each side is done separately. If Bilateral Ribs are ordered, 8 views are done. A PA Chest may be included, if ordered.

DISTANCE: 40"

BUCKY: YES

FOCAL SPOT: Small

IMAGING PLATE: 14x17 CR cassettes or DR detector-be sure to overlap

CENTRAL RAY:

Upper Ribs: Perpendicular to the cassette centered on T-7 (3-4" below jugular notch). Center the side affected on film.

Lower Ribs: Perpendicular to the cassette centered to midway b/w xyphoid and lower rib cage. Center the side affected on film.

HELPFUL POSITIONING:

Upper Ribs: Patient is AP. AP and Oblique Upper ribs done on inspiration. Include the first rib. Either RPO or LPO depending on affected side.

Lower Ribs: Patient is AP. AP and Oblique Lower ribs done on expiration. Include the 12th rib. Either RPO or LPO depending on affected side.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1. When marking rib images, be sure to mark the anatomical side correctly. For example - if you are imaging the left ribs, use your left marker and place it on the left side of the patient.

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