

SCAPULA

ROUTINES: AP, Lateral & Oblique.

DISTANCE: 40"

BUCKY: Yes

FOCAL SPOT: Small

IMAGING PLATE: 10x12 CR cassettes or DR detector

CENTRAL RAY: Perpendicular to the scapula.

HELPFUL POSITIONING:

1. **AP:** Pt is supine or upright; arm is at the patient's side in the neutral position-similar to doing an AP of the Shoulder.
2. **Lateral:** Oblique injured side away from the bucky until scapula is in the lateral plane (approximately 45°). Place arm across forehead to rotate scapula away from the rib cage and to bring the humerus free of the scapula.
3. **Oblique:** Extend the arm up & across the forehead. Turn the affected side away from the bucky about 15 degrees. Scapula should be free from superimposition of ribs. (See image below.)

