

Purpose and Summary

This protocol describes the guidelines for an MRI scan intended for the creation of Ricoh 3D for Healthcare Breast Anatomic Models.

Important

Use of this scanning protocol as a guideline will result in a more anatomic accurate model.

Preparation of the Patient

- Remove any non-fixed metal prosthesis or jewelry that might interfere with the region to be scanned.
- Non-metal dentures may be worn during the scan.
- Make the patient comfortable and instruct not to move during the procedure. Normal breathing is acceptable but any other movement, such as tilting and/or turning the head, can cause motion artifacts that compromise the reconstructed images, requiring the patient to be rescanned.

Reconstruction of the Images

- Reconstruct the images with using nearly isotropic voxels.
- Save the images in uncompressed standard DICOM format.
- Choose appropriate image modality during export of images. Non-corresponding modality can be a reason for rejection of images.

MRI Scanning Instructions

- All slices must have the same field of view, reconstruction center, and table height.
- Scan each slice in the same direction.

Patient Positioning

• Allow prone positioning of the patient, with breasts in the breast coil, and to allow adequate space for the patient's torso in the magnet bore position.

MRI Scanning Parameters

Breast	
Scanner Type	Preferred on 1.5T
Scan Mode	With contrast if looking at an enhancement. Preferably 3D volumetric scans.
Collimation	Slice thickness: 1.25 mm or smaller
	Slice increment: contiguous slices only (no overlap)
	slice increment ≤ slice thickness
Field of View	Fit to patient.
(FOV)	
Matrix	Use a 512 x 512 matrix
Voxels	Nearly isotropic voxels (not standard)