

## QIBA Volumetric CT Colorado Group Project Update

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 11 am CDT

### Call Summary

#### In attendance

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Richard Baumgartner, PhD  
Hubert Beaumont, PhD  
Andrew Buckler, MS  
Charles Fenimore, PhD  
Paul R. Garrett, MD

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David Miller, PhD  
Nicholas Petrick, PhD  
Ann Scherzinger, PhD

#### RSNA

Joe Koudelik  
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#### Discussion

- Two main branches for the study to be finalized: 1) Phantom scan variability assessment; 2) Clinical scan variability assessment
- Group continued discussion from last meeting on refining purpose and scope:
  - "The primary aim of this study is to extend characterization of measurement performance from solid to part-solid nodules.
- Study design for this project should flow logically and be complementary to other QIBA studies.

#### Phantom portion of the study:

- Group may be able to share the CRS fabricated nodule molds that were created for the FDA, thereby reducing some of the costs
- Measuring nodules in context of low-dose is as important if not more compared to standard dose. Low-dose measurements variability will be as important if not more relevant clinically. However, we want to ensure that the study does not introduce too many variables.
- Decision on scanning parameters, such as QIBA profile or a low dose protocol follows from the objectives of the study.

#### Hypothesis vs. Null Hypothesis:

- Hypothesis is in the refinement process. It was proposed to demonstrate that a null hypothesis is incorrect and statistically support the hypothesis as correct.
- Focus to be on solid/part-solid nodule comparison
  - Interest in reader performance with part-solid nodules
  - Need to determine degree of difference necessary to prove a null hypothesis
    - Trying to prove the actual hypothesis: need to have enough statistical power
- Suggested focus of revised hypothesis:
  - Testing algorithms for measuring solid vs. part-solid nodules.
  - Testing the users of these algorithms.
    - Try to tie this to the 3A study for continuity of QIBA effort.

#### Next steps:

- Group to meet regularly at 11 am CDT, Tuesdays, until a research plan is established.
- QIBA Vol CT Colorado Group to determine specific main hypothesis.

**Next Call:** VOL CT Colorado Group Update call scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 11 am CDT.