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Dual Source CT Lung Perfused Blood Volume Imaging With Dual Energy

SOMATOM Definition Dual Energy scanning

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HISTORY

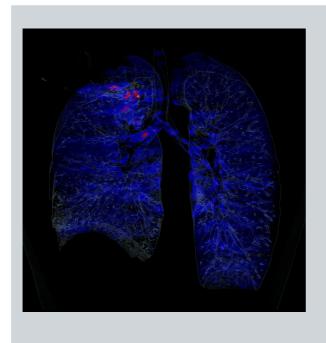
20 years old female patient after closure of open foramen ovale with Amplatz's occludor suffered for two days by chest pain was referred to chest CT-angiography. A scan of the thorax was performed on the SOMATOM Definition using spiral Dual-Energy data acquisition.

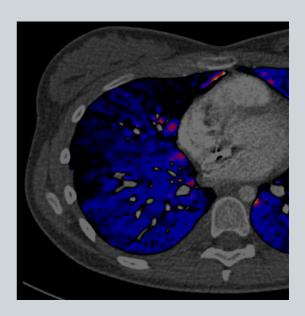
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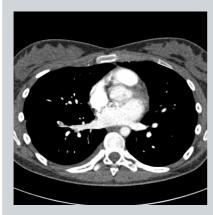
Pulmonary embolism affecting single segment – lateral segment of the right lower lobe – was found with corresponding deficit of perfusion on the pulmonary blood-volume (PBV) map.

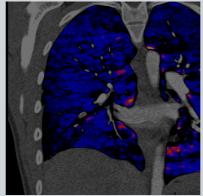
COMMENTS

Pulmonary blood-volume maps created during dual-energy data evaluation showed perfusion deficit within affected segment according to the sub-total occlusion of the segmental pulmonary artery by the embolus.











EXAMINATION PROTOCOL

Scanner	SOMATOM Definition
Scan area	Thorax
Scan length	275mm
Scan time	10s
Scan direction	Cranio-Caudal
kV	140 / 80 kV
Effective mAs	20 / 150 eff mAs
Rotation time	0.5s
Slice collimation	0,6mm
Reconstructed slice thickness	0,6mm
Kernel	B20f

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