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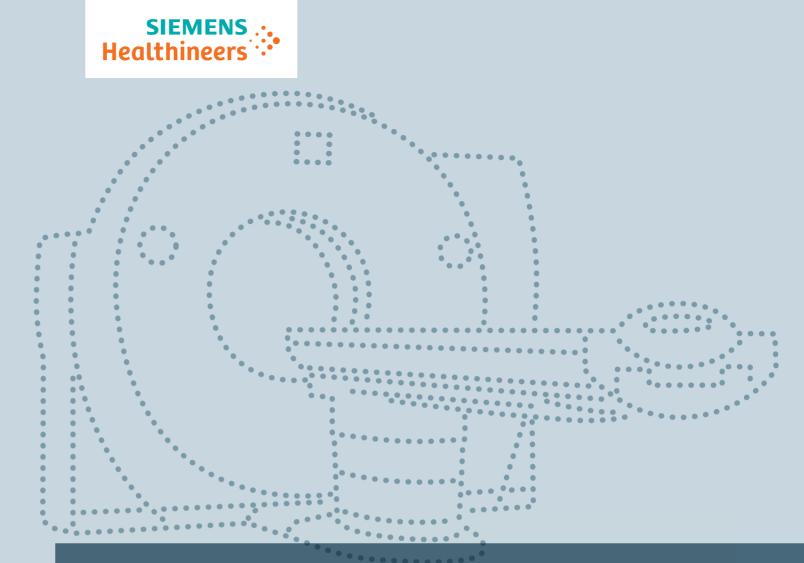
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Comparison of Scan Times by Slice Configurations ² (based on our default protocols)					
Exam Type	AS 20	AS 40	AS 64	AS+ (128 slices)	Coverage Area
Head	20s	20s	13.14s	7.3s	120 mm
C-Spine	18.44s	18.44s	12.09s	6.81s	160 mm
Cardiac	N/A	N/A	9.86s	5.89s	120 mm
Chest	11.8s	11.8s	7.26s	3.98s	300 mm

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² The table illustrates how scan time decreases as slice count increases. The scanner can acquire more data per time period, enabling it to minimize heart, abdominal, and breathing motion. Reduce breath hold times and potentially reduce repeat scans. Results may vary depending on the facility and clinical practice.

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