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In 90% of PET/CT oncology cases, disease is located in the chest or abdomen.<sup>1</sup> Those areas are subject to respiratory motion, which can displace organs and lesions by a range of 5 to 30 mm in each breathing cycle.<sup>2</sup> Since PET acquisitions typically require several minutes, those lesions will move during respiration, resulting in blurred images.

To minimize the effect of breathing, an external device can be used to measure the respiratory cycle and to synchronize it with the PET/CT scan, a technique called respiratory gating. When motion for respiration is corrected, partial volume effect is reduced, and the visualization of small lesions is improved.

The Biograph™ family of PET/CT scanners provides a comprehensive solution for respiratory motion management and supports various external trigger devices from different manufacturers.

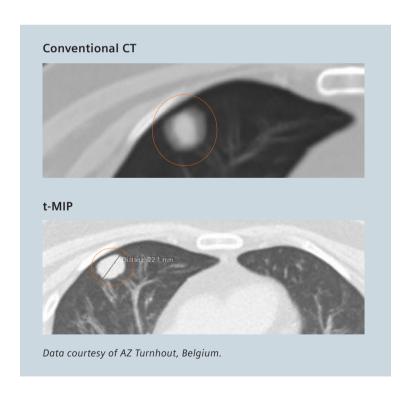
# **CT Respiratory Gating**

CT respiratory gating can be performed in prospective and retrospective mode. It also supports advanced reconstruction methods such as average CT and temporal maximum intensity projection (t-MIP). In a t-MIP image the voxel value for a certain position is the maximum throughout all breathing phases for that position, and therefore, the spatial displacement of a lesion can be visualized in a single image.

## **PET Respiratory Gating**

On the Biograph family of PET/CT scanners, PET is acquired in list-mode and respiratory motion is managed with reconstruction software. This provides a high level of flexibility, as various reconstruction methods and the reconstruction range can be selected retrospectively.

Biograph scanners support several gating reconstruction modes, such as phase- and amplitude-based gating and up to 24 gates.

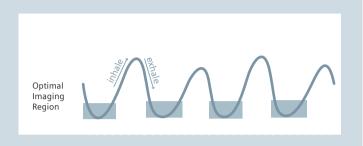


### **Combining PET and CT Respiratory Gating**

All Biograph scanners provide a similar interface for both PET and CT gating. The phase-matched gating option enables one-click matching of PET and CT-gated datasets for improved registration and attenuation correction.

#### **HD**•Chest

HD•Chest is an automated solution for PET amplitude-based gating that analyzes each patient's individual breathing pattern and identifies the portion of the respiratory cycle with the least motion. This area of the cycle is where the most data can be collected, without motion, in the shortest amount of time. Using the list-mode data that synchronizes with the optimum area of the respiratory curve, a virtually motion-frozen image is reconstructed.



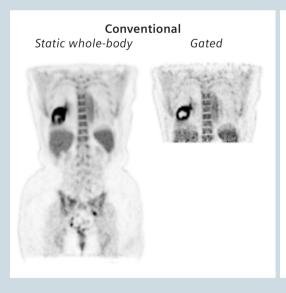
In a 2014 study, HD•Chest detected 13.8% more lesions than static reconstruction.<sup>3</sup> In this example, one additional small lesion on the left lung is visualized with HD•Chest that cannot be seen on the static image.

Static



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Finally, HD•Chest images can be integrated in the whole-body dataset. This can help minimize the number of images the physician has to interpret, reducing reporting time while providing more clinical information.





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