Abdomen X-ray Guideline

**Routine:** 3 views

- PA Chest
- UPRIGHT PA or AP Abdomen (Include both hemidiaphragms)
- SUPINE Abdomen (Include symphysis pubis)
- A LEFT LATERAL DECUBITUS view is to be done on those cases where the patient is unable to stand. Only the right diaphragm must be included.
  - If unable to roll patient, do cross-table lateral abdomen with patient supine (May be utilized on rare occasions).

**Routine:** 2 views

- UPRIGHT (include hemidiaphragms)
- SUPINE (Include symphysis pubis)

**Routine:** 1 view

- SUPINE (Include symphysis pubis)

**Foreign Body:**

- Infants (under 1 year old)
  - AP - Film from naso-pharynx to rectum. Use two films if necessary.
- Adults (anyone above 1 year old)
  - Do single AP abdomen first. If no F.B. present do PA chest.
  - If FB seen in chest/neck then proceed to do lateral chest/neck.

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