

Paper : Radiological  
Positioning

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Q NO 1 :- Dental OPG :-

Ans :- Dental OPG :-

OPG (Orthopantomogram) is

the type of Dental X-rays.

→ OPG produces a panoramic view of the jaw.

Equipment of OPG :-

A specialized X-ray machine

is used in dental OPG

examination, part of the

machine rotate around the

patients head.

OPG Diagnosis :-

→ Teeth general view

→ Teeth (cavities)

→ Teeth impaction

→ Fractures

→ Dislocation, infection,

Tumours & Sinuses.



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Ans :- Dental OPG :-

Position of Patient :-

→ 1st of all make sure to remove the jewellery, dentures or

hearing aids from the area which is imaged

∑ any other radiopaque objects should remove

→ The procedure should be explained to patient clearly ∑

the machinery brought nearer to start position.

→ Then the patient walked into the machine holding the handle and adopting 'Skiing' position.



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→ The head downwards tilted to parallel the Frankfurt plane with and the machine height adjusted to allow the patient to bite the bite block, with upper & lower incisors within the grooves.

→ The should be placed on the rest, will close lips & eyes.

→ Instruct the patient to not rotate & ensure the light at the middle of face than close the head restraints.

→ Ask the patient to hold the tongue and



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press behind at the

palate, to reduce the air

shadow & keep for 20 second

→ Radiograph is taken in

careful patient observation

Imaged Receptor:—

→ Normal 15x30 cm IR is

used but new equipment is

utilized for Direct Radiography

Techniques:—

→ maintain anatomical coverage

which include the entire

mandible & temporomandibular

joints.



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→ ensure good contrast

densities between enamel

& dentine

→ edge to edge incisors

→ No evidence of movement

unsharpness and positioning

error.

→ reduced spine shadow

→ tongue should be correctly

placed at hard palate

→ eyes & lips should close

during exposure.

### Additional consideration

Number of factors cause

error in this technique e.g.  
Patient movement & Positioning error

→ The <sup>patient</sup> should stay for 20s of exposure.



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Q No 2 :-

Ans :- The back pain has number of causes and types trauma, weight lifting, weakness and lifting stones can cause lower back, so i will scan regard causes.

Lumbar ~~lumber~~ Spine AP view :-  
AP view of lumbar spine

as following :-

Position of patient

→ 1st of all the patient

lying on supine position

on the bucky table



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→ Ideally Spinal Imaging should be taken erect in sitting if not trauma, to give functional view of Lumbar spine

→ All imaging of patient with suspected spinal injury must occur in the supine position with out moving the patient

→ Patients will be with mid sagittal plane at right angle.

→ The Superior iliac spine will be equidistant from the table top

→ Hip & knee will be



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flexed

→ Feet will be in plantar aspect

→ Lumbar region of vertebral column will be in parallel with the image receptor

→ In supine position the hands are placed by patient's side.

Image Receptor: -

→ The image receptor should be large enough to cover the thoracic vertebrae & sacro-iliac joint

→ At the center of the level of lower costal margin.



Direction & centring of

X-ray beam:-

central ray directed towards  
midline at level of lower  
costal margin

Essential Characteristics:-

→ Image will include

from T12 down to

bottom of sacro-iliac joints

→ Exposure should be produce

a density such as the

bone detail

→ Rotation can be

assessed by ensuring

that sacro-iliac joint

are equidistant from

the spine.



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## Other Factors :-

⇒ Collimation :- Superiorly

To include T12/L1 Junction.

Detector size :-

35 cm x 43 cm

Exposure :- 70-80 kVp  
40-60 mAs

SIP :- 110 cm

## 2) Lumbar Lateral :-

Patient Position :-

→ The patient position

is erect, supine or

lateral or the patient

lies on their side on

bucky table.

→ In lateral position

so that ~~harmless~~ are  
harmless



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parallel to thorax.

→ The arms should be raised and resting on pillow in front of the patient head.

→ Hip & knee are flexed for stability.

Image Receptor :-

→ The IR is centered at the level of lower costal margin.

Direction & centring :-

→ central ray directed at right angle to line of spinous process towards a point 7.5cm anterior to



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to third lumbar spinous process at level of costal margin.

Essential Characteristics :-

→ The image must be included T12 & downward to cover the lumbar sacral joint.

→ projection produces will be clearly view through the centre of intervertebral discs spaces.

→ Anterior & posterior margin of vertebral column will be superimposed.



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## Some Factors

Collimation :- Superiorly include

T12 / L4 Anteriorly Sacrum

Detector size :-

35 cm x 43 cm

Exposure :- 70 - 80 kVp  
60 - 80 mAs

SID :- minimum will be

110 cm

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### 3) Lumbar Oblique View:—

Patient Position

→ The patient position supine on bueky table

→ Rotated at  $45^\circ$  to right

& left side.

→ Hip & knee will be placed

→ Foam pad is placed at  $45^\circ$  to support the patient.

Image Receptor:—

It directed towards midclo-

-viewer lies on raised

side vertically at the

level of lower

costal margin.



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## Essential Characteristics

→ Posterior elements of vertebrae are aligned in such a way to show the classic scotching dog appearance

## Other Factors

Collimation :- superiorly  $T_{12}/L_1$   
inferiorly sacrum

Detector size :-  $35\text{cm} \times 43\text{cm}$

Exposure :-  $70-80 \text{ kVp}$   
 $80 \text{ mAs}$

SID →  $110 \text{ cm}$



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Lumbar Sacral junction

(L5-S1) - lateral

Patient Position :-

→ The patient lies on

side of body (obli)

→ Arm raised and hand  
resting on pillow

→ knee and hip are  
flexed

→ Dorsal aspect of trunk  
should be at right  
angle

→ Coronal plane running  
through centre of spine  
must be coincide with  
perpendicular mid line



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## Image Receptor

→ IR center at level  
of 5<sup>th</sup> lumbar spinal  
process

## Direction and centering

→ central ray directed at  
right angle to lumbar  
spinal region

Several region

## Essential characteristics

Area of interest should

be included L5 lumbar

vertebrae and 1st sacral

segment



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Q NO 3 :-

Ans:- When an old age patient has come to department with a complaint of knee pain the following view should be done.

Knee AP :-

Position of Patient &

Image receptors -

Patient Position :-

→ The patient should supine on the table with the knee and ankle joint in contact with the table



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- Leg should be extended
- ensure the knee is not rotated
- The limb should be rotated to centralize the patella b/w the femoral condyles
- To maintain this position sand bags are placed against the ankle.

Image Receptor :-

- 18x24 image receptor is usually used for CR
- Detector size 24 cm x 30 cm
- SID = 100 cm
- No grid will use.
- The posterior aspect



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The knee joint should be

in contact with image receptor

Direction and centring of  
X-ray beam :-

→ 2.5 cm below the apex

of patella through the joint

space centered the X-ray beam

→ And central ray should

be  $90^\circ$  to the long

axis of the tibia

Essential Image Characteristics :-

→ The patella should be

centralized over the femur.

→ Both proximal and distal

third of femur should

be included



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Additional consideration :-

→ It can also be taken in erect position

→ Carefully observe the patient to not rotate the knee during exposure.



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## Knee Lateral :-

Patient Position :- 

→ Laying the patient on the side of interest with the of interest closest to the table and anteriorly rolled the other lower limb.

→ Slightly flexed the affected knee to  $45^\circ$  to the best of patient ability

→ Support the limb with sand bags.

→ To bring the long axis of the tibia parallel to the image receptor.

→ Placed the sandbag under the side of the affected knee.



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Collimation:-

To include the distal femur collimate it

~~superior~~ superior

→ No grid will used

→ Detector size 35cm x 43cm

Direction & centering of

X-ray beam

Center the X-ray to middle

of superior border of the

medial tibular condyle

→ And central ray at  $90^\circ$

to the long axis of

tibia

Essential image characteristics:-

→ The patella should be

projected clear of the femur



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→ The femoral condyles must be superimposed

→ The proximal part of the tibia-fibular joint isn't ~~clearly~~ clearly visible.

Additional considerations -

→ To superimpose the femoral condyle a 3-5° cranial tube can help some time

⇒ Over rotation :- Fibula is projected to posteriorly

⇒ Under rotation :- Fibula head is hidden behind the tibia.



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Q No 4 :-

Ans :- The following x-rays

may suggested :-

→ Skull Occipito - Frontal  
(20 degree ↓)

→ Skull Occipito - Frontal  
(30 degree ↑)  
or Reverse Towne's

→ Skull Fronto - Occipital  
(20 degree ↑)

→ Skull - Lateral



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Q Nos :-

A) KVP & mAs setting importance  
on X-ray machine :-

KVP :- The Kilo volt peak  
is responsible for quality &  
quantity of X-rays.

Change in KVP changes  
the quality of image.

→ The KVP change the  
contrast of radiograph.  
When we increases the  
KVP from the specific  
level the contrast will  
increase, if decreases the  
KVP from optimize level  
the contrast will decreases  
So changes in contrast



can change the quality of image.

→ KVP also affect the spatial resolution of image

mAs :- The milli ampere second is responsible for quantity

of x-rays

→ If mAs changes from the setting it will change the optical densities, contrast at some extent & spatial resolution of radiograph

→ The adjustment of KVP and mAs for each procedure is specific



- The proper adjustment of mAs & kVp depends upon the patient, body parts, IR & machine quality.
- ~~Standard~~ Standard techniques require specific value of kVp & mAs which can change accordingly.



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(13) Positioning & Techniques

of Pelvis X-ray :-

→ The pelvis series is

composed on anteroposterior

(AP) with additional projection

→ Based on indication &

pathology

Pelvic - AP view :-

→ The pelvis view part of

a pelvic examing the

iliac crest, sacrum,

proximal femur pubis &

great pelvic ring.

Patient Position

→ Patient position is

Supine



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→ lower limb are

internally rotated  $15-25^\circ$

from hip

→ The patient mid sagittal

plane will perpendicular

to table top

→ Limbs are slightly abducted

& rotated internally

→ Femoral neck parallel to

OR

→ avoid pelvic rotation

Direction of central beam

→ central beam towards

center of IR

→ centering x-ray beam

will be on midline



→ The center of IR  
is placed mid way

Additional Consideration

At 1st visit Se trauma  
cases good protection is  
usually omitted.

→ It is in follow up  
images

Other factor

Collimation - Lateral to  
skin margin to above iliac  
crest superiorly.

Detector size:- 35 x 43 cm

Exposure - ~~70~~ 70-80 kVp  
20-30 mAs

SID → 100 cm