Most Common Questions:

1. Can more than one person participate in the study?

You may form a team of up to three members at each hospital to assist with data collection within our two-month deadline. All three members will be acknowledged as co-authors in the study. In exceptional cases, a team may consist of four members, subject to individual consideration.

2. Do I need to apply for ethical/IRB approval?

This requirement varies by institution. If your institution mandates approval for data collection and sharing, we will provide you with the necessary protocol and data collection sheet.

3. The ethical approval/IRB process takes about two months; how can I meet the deadline?

Although optional, some hospitals have adopted the strategy of gathering data using an Excel sheet we have provided while awaiting approval. They will share the data with us only after receiving approval.

4. Is there any inclusion criterion for hospital selection?

No. Any hospital that scans pediatric patients can be included.

I am not currently working in a hospital but would like to help by creating a team in another hospital. Will I be a co-author?

Yes. If you assist in establishing a team that collects data at a site, you will be acknowledged as a co-author.

I cannot collect data; can I contribute to writing the manuscript?

No. We already have a designated team for manuscript writing.

How many patients do you need?

We require data on 20-30 patients per age group per anatomical region, amounting to a total of 380-570 patients per hospital. A team of up to three members can participate to expedite this process. If all required variables are recorded in your PACS/system, you may collect data retrospectively. Otherwise, data must be collected prospectively.

Do you need information on patient radiation doses or the CT images?

We are only requesting de-identified patient information and details about the CT scanner and imaging processes. You do not need to share exported CT images.

Will you connect me with collaborators in a specific hospital to assist in data collection?

No. Your responsibility is to contact the appropriate physician or technician at your hospital and form a team to collect data.

What are the benefits of participating?

Participants will be credited as co-authors in all manuscripts/papers that utilize the data. Additionally, we will provide dose analyses for participating hospitals and offer optimization assistance for high doses. At the study's conclusion, we plan to organize a workshop for all sites, showcasing regional dose analyses along with recommendations and feedback. Importantly, participating in this project opens opportunities for future collaboration on international projects.