

# Vliv centrace pacienta na kvalitu obrazu a dávku na CT

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# Impact of miscentering on patient dose and image noise in clinical studies.

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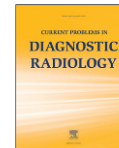
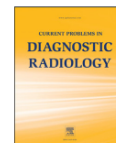
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## Effect of CT Localizer Radiographs on Radiation Dose Associated With Automatic Tube Current Modulation: A Multivendor Study

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## Prevalence and Severity of Observations From 57,621 and/or Pelvis

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**Purpose:** To determine distances between patient isocenters based on patient gender, scan region, and table height. **Materials and Methods:** A water phantom and a patient were scanned at isocenters and off-isocenters. Additionally, data from 57,621 patient acquisitions were analyzed using the centroid-to-isocenter distance.

**Results:** The majority of patient acquisitions (83.7% (48211/57621)) were performed with the patient's centroid positioned below isocenter (SD 1.8 cm); range 12.1 cm below to 7.8 cm above isocenter). Off-centering in the x-axis was less severe (range 1.6 cm). Distance between centroid and isocenter in the y-axis did not differ as a function of sex but did differ based on patient gender.

**Conclusion:** Off-centering is common during CT imaging and has been previously demonstrated to impact dose and image quality. © 2018 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

**Objectives:** To assess the influence of the CT localizer radiograph on the automatic tube current modulation system of 7 CT scanners produced by 4 different CT manufacturers.

**Methods:** The influence of the localizer orientation, table height, tube current and tube potential values on the radiation dose of the related CT scan were evaluated. Images were acquired by using an anthropomorphic phantom positioned in the CT gantry isocenter as well as from -6 cm to +6 cm vertically to the isocenter.

**Results:** Vertical movement of the CT table height affected the radiation dose in all scanners using anterior-posterior or a posterior-anterior localizer orientation albeit differently, depending on the manufacturer; only in 1/7 scanner no influence was observed. The latero-lateral localizer orientation proved to be more effective in limiting the influence of the vertical miscentering in all scanners. Changing localizer's tube voltage influenced the scan radiation dose in scanners produced by two manufacturers, while no significant effect was observed in scanners produced by the other two manufacturers. No significant dose variation was observed in 6/7 scanners when changing the localizer's tube current.

**Conclusion:** Localizer radiograph shows a significant influence on the radiation exposure but with different outcomes depending on the manufacturer of the CT scanner. Radiologists and radiographers should have a thorough understanding of these differences to assure patients the best examination in terms of radiation dose and image quality.

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For each combination of phantom, localizer orientation, and table height ± 4 cm with the center position; the displayed CTDI<sub>vol</sub> was recorded. Based on the institutional dose monitoring program, the relationship between change in CTDI<sub>vol</sub> and change in table height were studied for LAT and AP localizers for clinical exams.

**Results:** For all phantom scans based on the PA localizer, the percent change in ranged between -18% and 42% for table heights 4 cm below and above proper centering; while for the LAT localizer, the percent change in CTDI<sub>vol</sub> from ideal were no greater than 12% different for ± 4 cm differences in table height. Change in CTDI<sub>vol</sub> and change in table height displayed a strong linear relationship for AP localizer exams (P = 0.002), and weak correlation for LAT localizer exams (P = 0.12).

**Conclusions:** Since uncertainty in vertical patient positioning is inherently greater than lateral positioning, the LAT localizer should be utilized to precisely and reproducibly deliver the intended amount of radiation prescribed by CT protocols.

## Effect of patient size, and localizer



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rylic sheets, and an anthropomorphic phantom. A lateral (LAT) and a MDCT scanner (GE Discovery CT750 HD). AEC scan acquisitions were

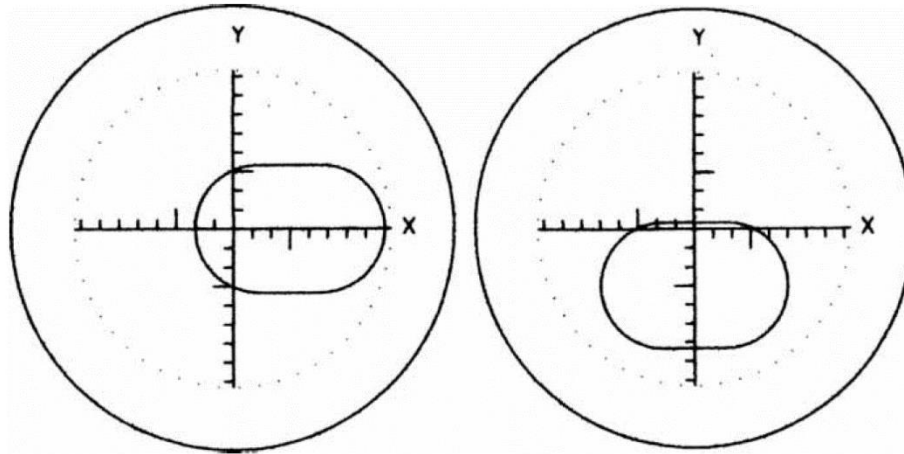
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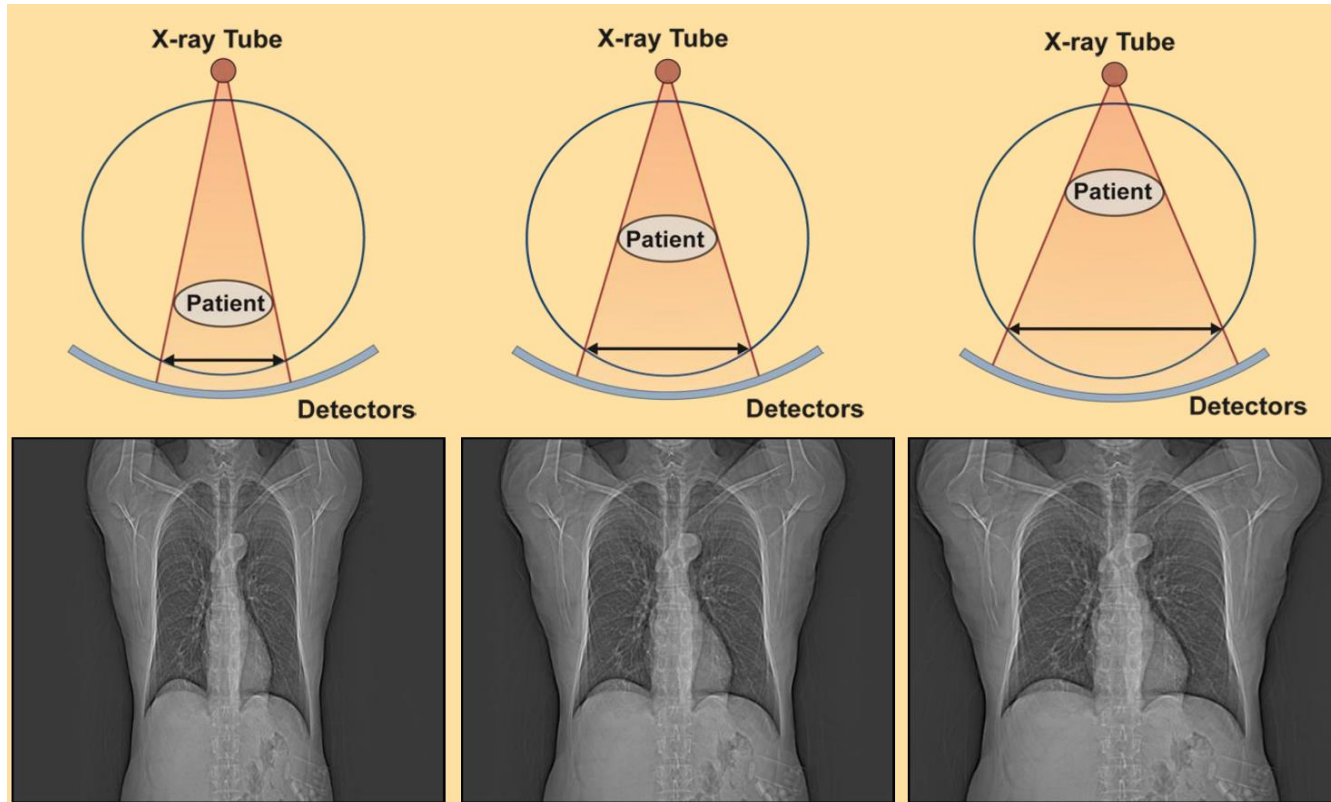


# Centrace pacienta na CT

- Centrace pacienta ve vertikálním i horizontálním směru
- **Horizontální centrace** není problematická (RA zvládají)
- **Vertikální centrace** je problematická – zaměříme se na ni



# Vertikální centrace

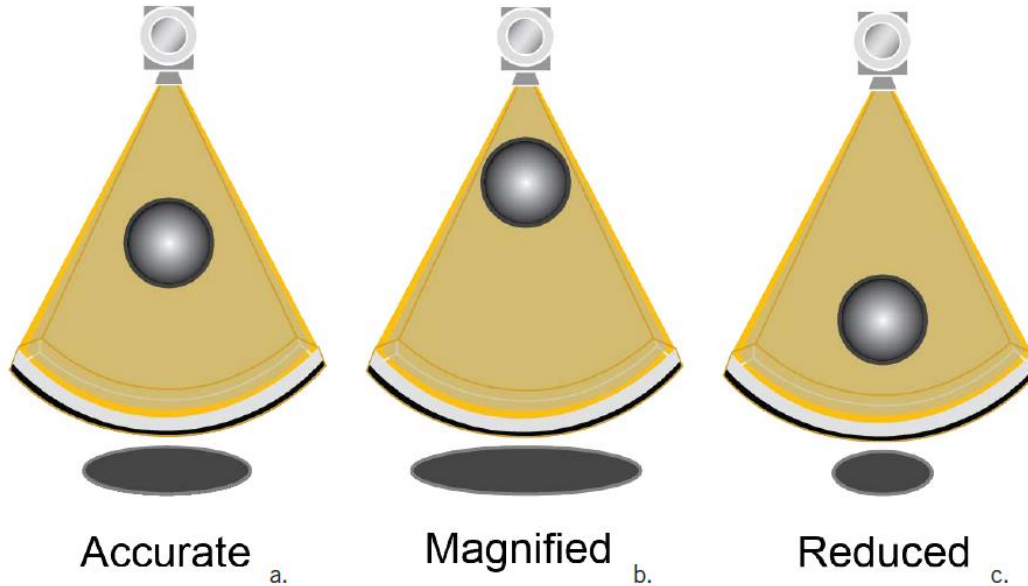


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Same patient – vertical table height can affect size-shape model!

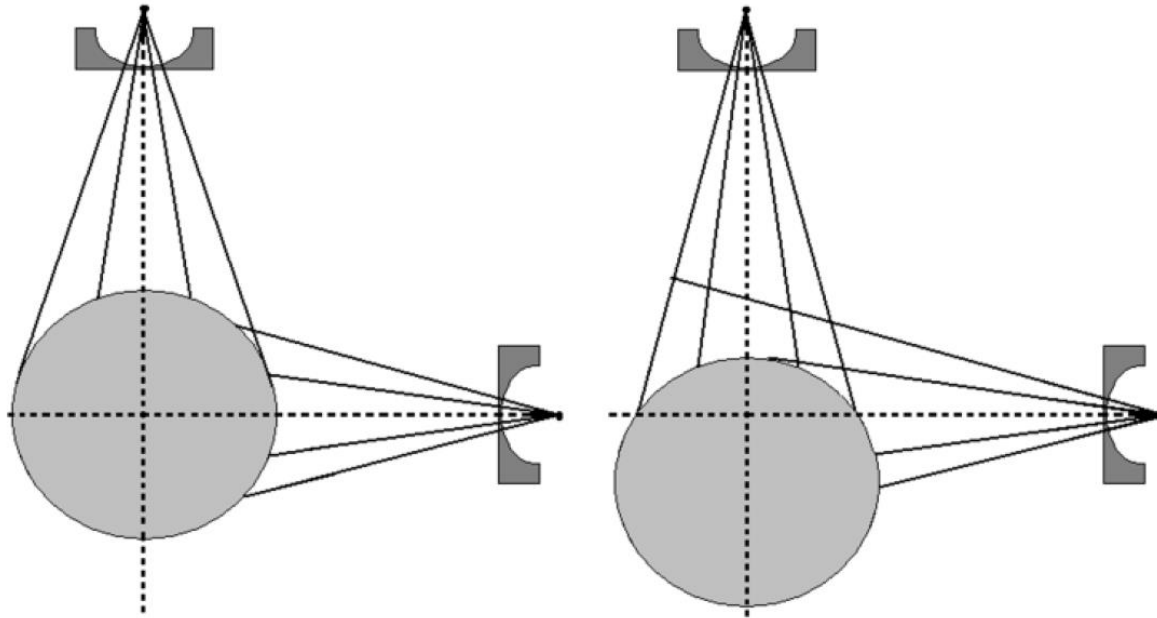
# Vertikální centrace

- Centrace pacienta ovlivňuje „vzhled“ lokalizačního skenu neboli jak se pacient jeví velikostí ⇒ ovlivňuje fungování automatické modulace proudu

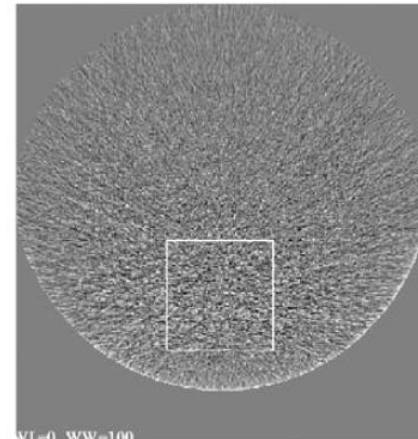
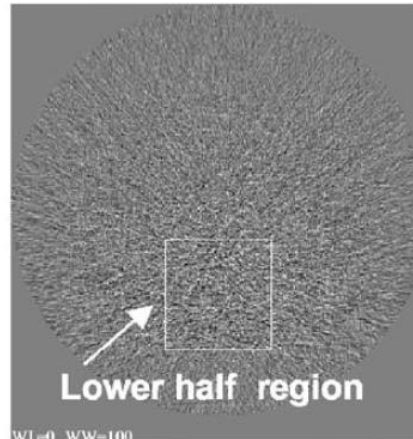
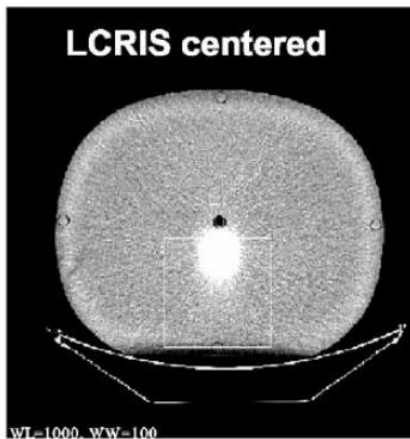
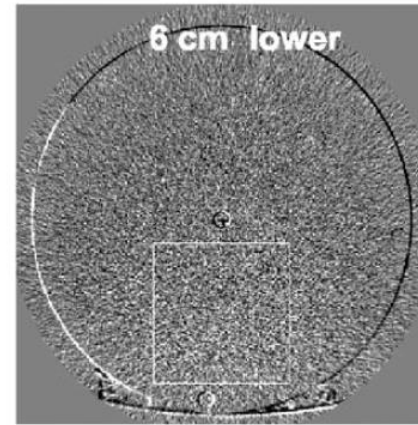
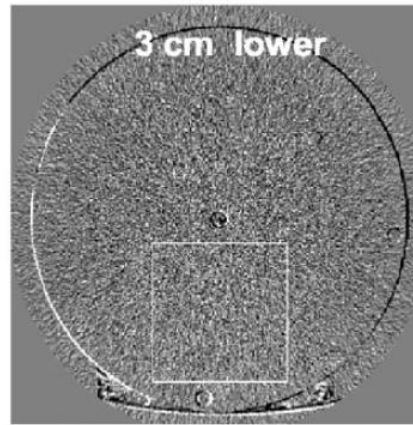
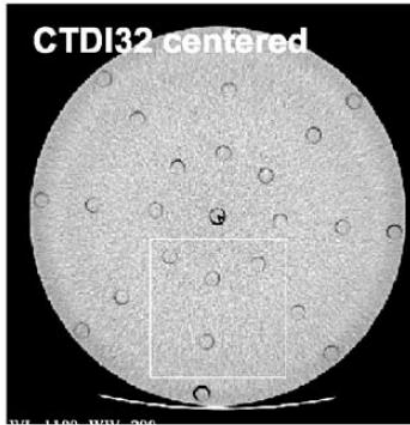


# Vertikální centrace

- Centrace pacienta ovlivňuje i fungování bow-tie filtru



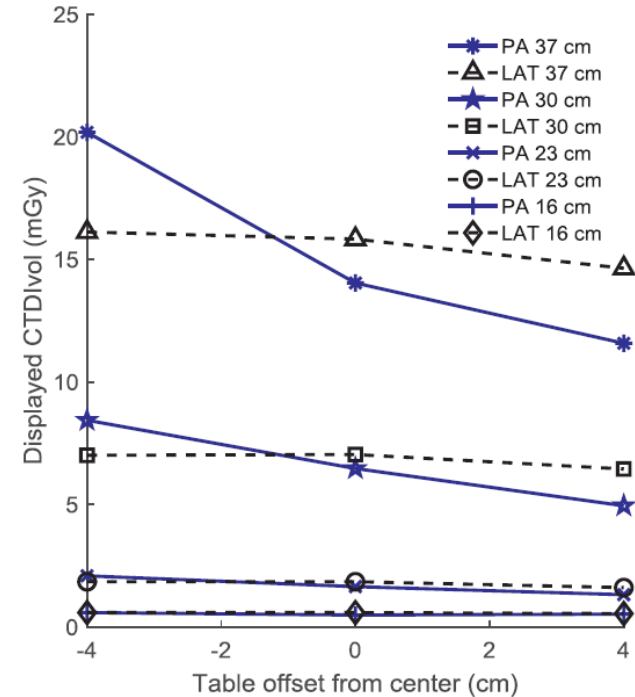
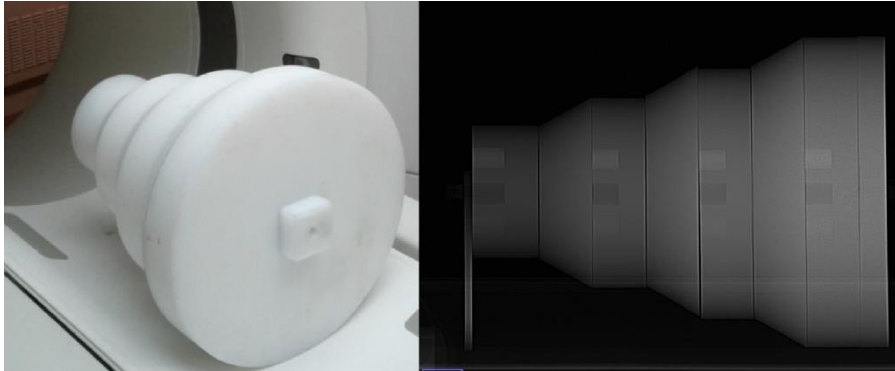
# Kvalita obrazu



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# Výsledky (1)

- Nárůst  $CTDI_{vol}$  při centraci nad izocentrum a pokles při centraci pod izocentrum



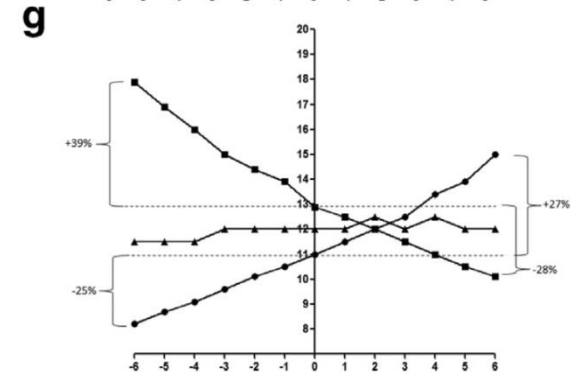
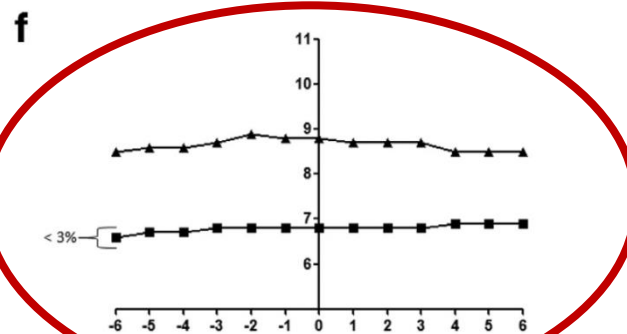
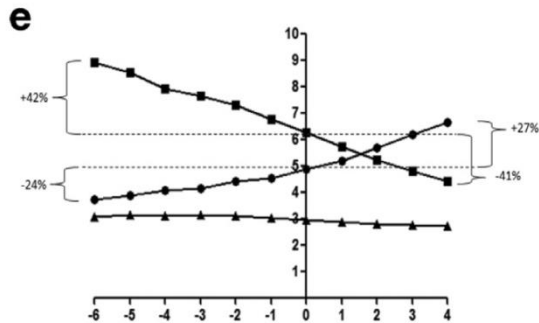
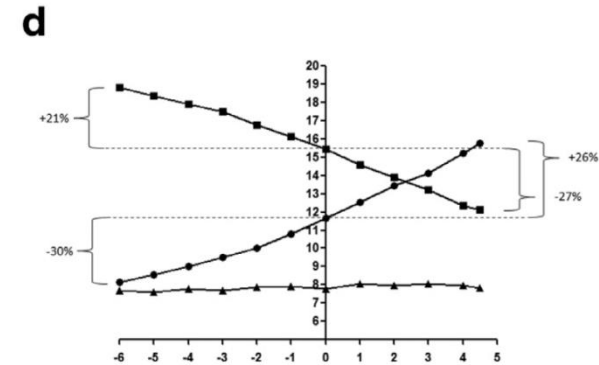
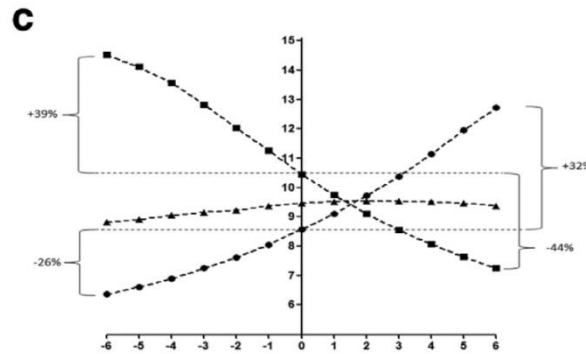
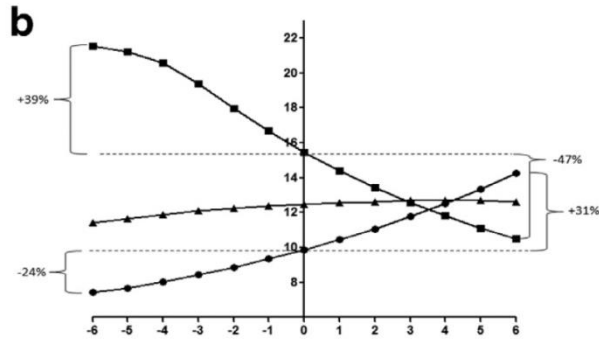


# Výsledky (2)

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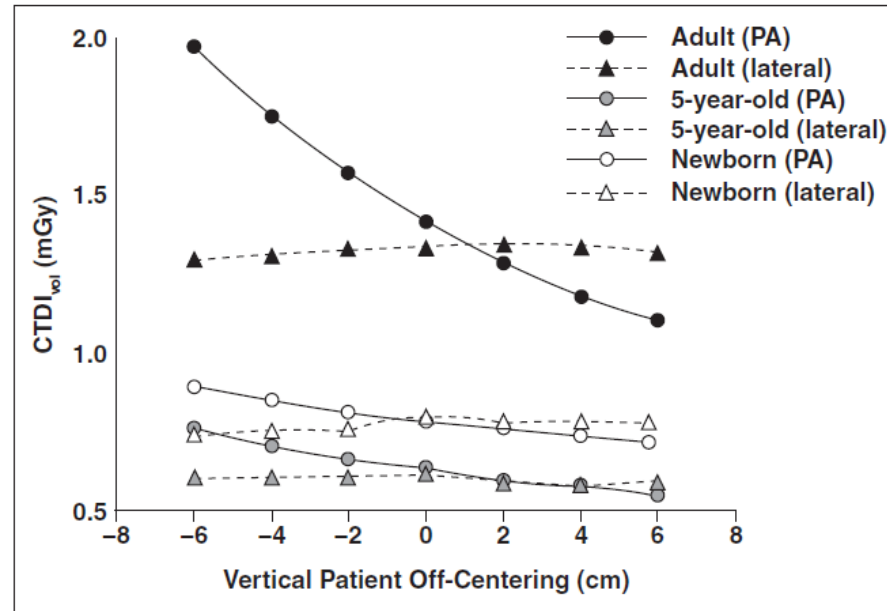
- b) GE Lightspeed VCT 64
- c) GE Discovery 750 HD
- d) Siemens Somatom 64
- e) Siemens Biograph 40
- f) Philips iCT 256
- g) Toshiba Aquilion 16

□ Výsledky se lišily pro různé CT skenery



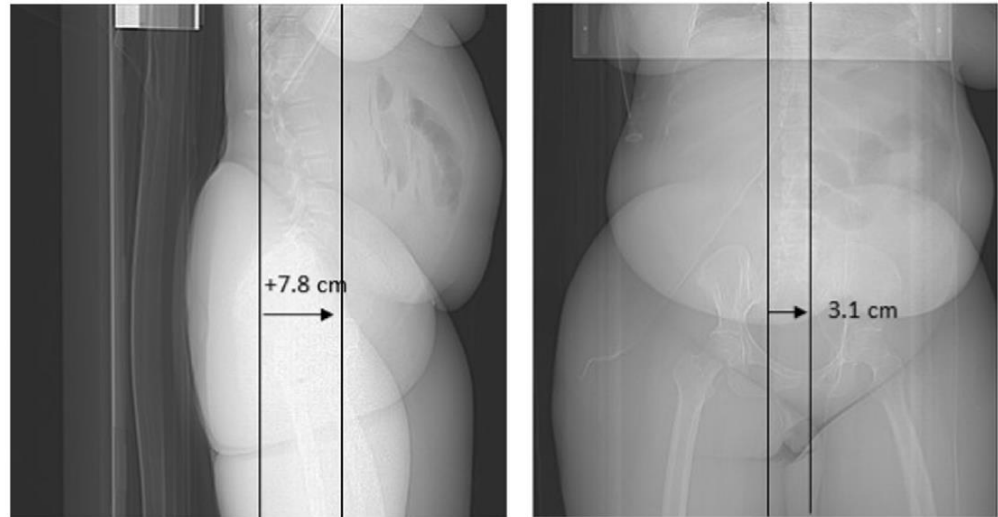
# Výsledky (3)

- Nárůst  $CTDI_{vol}$  při centraci nad izocentrum a pokles při centraci pod izocentrum (pro CT hrudníku)



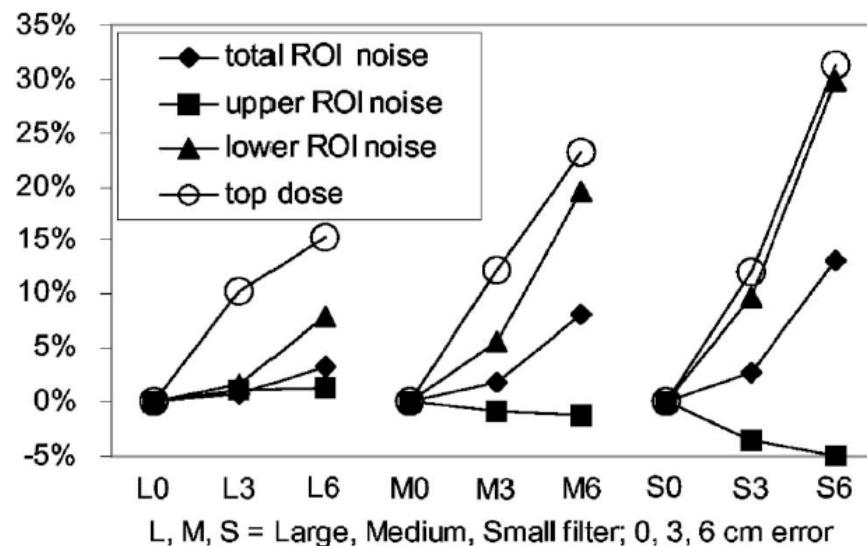
# Klinické výsledky (1)

- Studie 1: 57 621 CT skenů hrudníku, břicha a/nebo pánve
  - 84 % pacientů centrováno pod izocentrum
  - Průměrná hodnota špatné centrace -17 mm (pod izocentrem)
  - Rozsah -121 mm až +78 mm



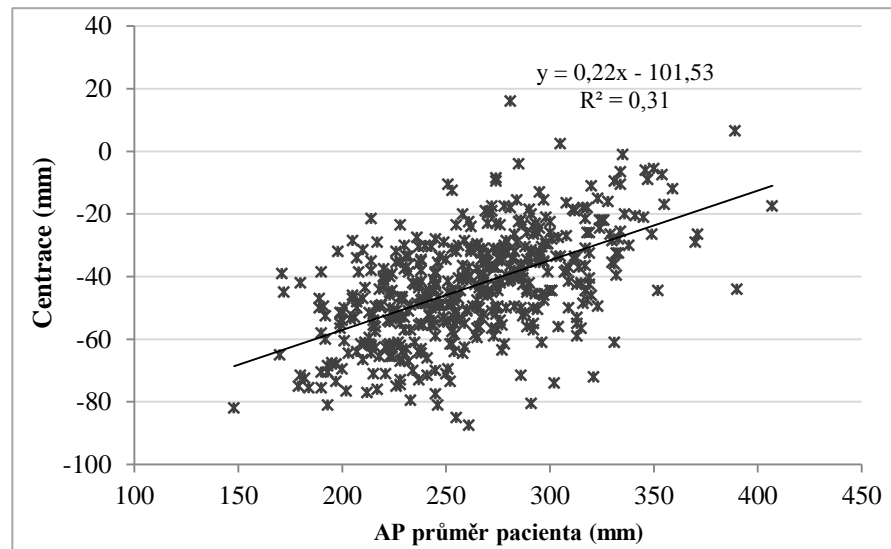
# Klinické výsledky (2)

- Studie 2: 549 CT skenů břicha
  - ▣ 74 % pacientů centrováno pod izocentrum
  - ▣ Průměrná hodnota špatné centrace -23 mm (pod izocentrem)
  - ▣ Rozsah -66 mm až +34 mm
  - ▣ S centrací pod izocentrum roste šum a dávka na povrchu do pacienta



# Klinické výsledky (3)

- Studie 3: 473 CT skenů břicha
  - ▣ 99 % pacientů centrováno pod izocentrum
  - ▣ Průměrná hodnota špatné centrace -43 mm (pod izocentrem)
  - ▣ Rozsah -88 mm až +16 mm

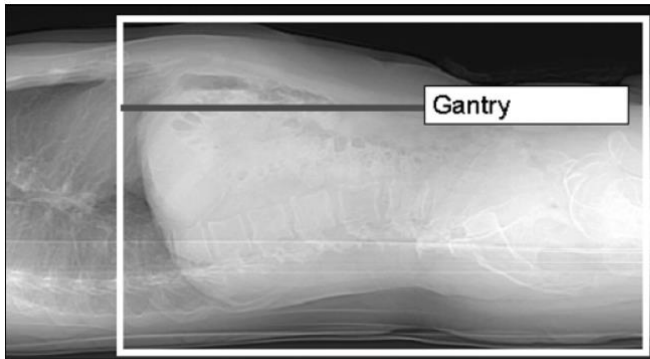


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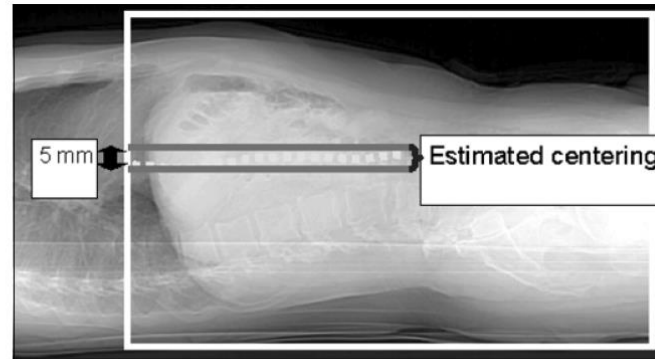
- Obeznámit RA s touto skutečností!
- AP (PA) i LAT lokalizační sken
- Po skenu upravit pozici pacienta
- Softwarové a hardwarové funkce na CT skenerech – Canon, Siemens

# Řešení pro správnou centraci

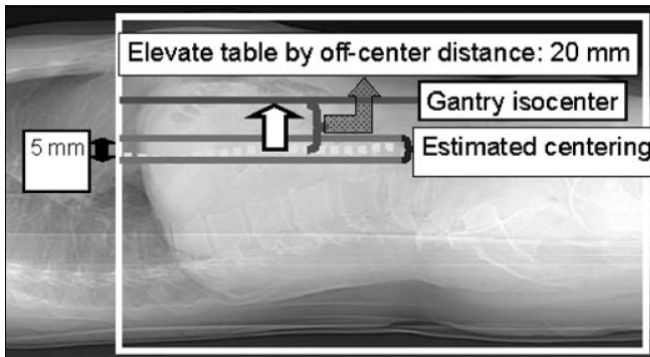
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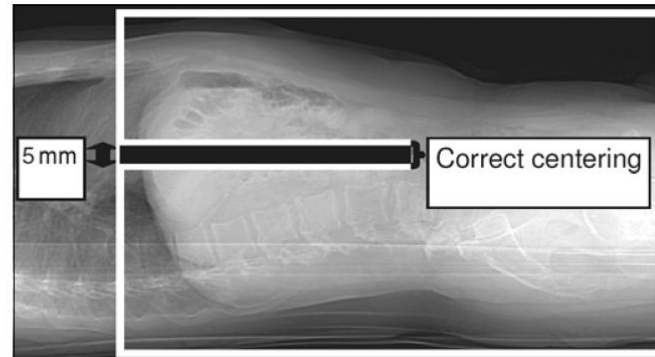
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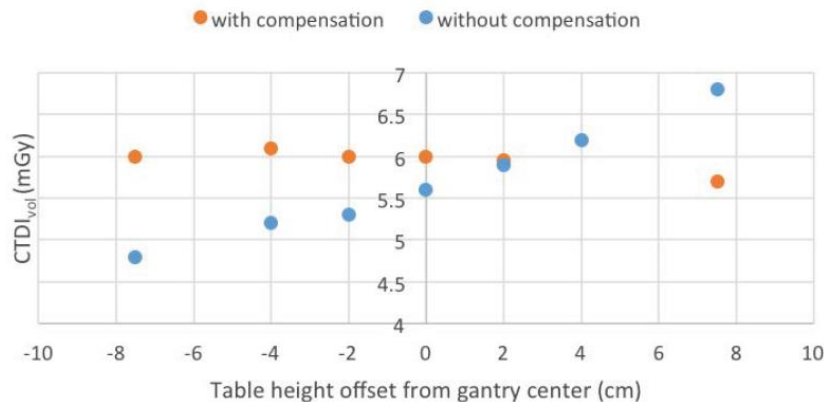
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# Řešení pro správnou centraci

- Softwarové řešení
- Auto Couch Height Positioning Compensation ve vertikálním směru (Canon Aquilion Precision)
- Hardwarové řešení
- FAST 3D camera (Siemens Somatom Force)

CTDI<sub>vol</sub> for scans at different table heights



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# Závěr (1)

- Snahou RF i RA je dostat optimalizaci, tj. získat dostatečnou kvalitu obrazu za nejnižší dávky
- Existují možnosti, jak snížit dávky a stále mít dostatečnou kvalitu obrazu (iterativní rekonstrukce, nižší napětí...), ale počítá se se správnou centrací pacienta
- Při špatné centraci se zvyšuje šum (a klesá  $CTDI_{vol}$ ) nebo roste  $CTDI_{vol}$  (i kvalita obrazu, ale my to téměř nepoznáme)

# Závěr (2)

- Ze studií vyplynulo, že pacienti jsou centrováni převážně pod izocentrum (ve vertikálním směru), tj. RA vnímají pacienta jako většího, než ve skutečnosti je
- Odchylka od izocentra 60 mm směrem k rentgence – nárůst dávky o cca 35 %, 60 mm směrem od rentgenky – pokles o 30 %
- Centrace pacienta ovlivňuje fungování automatické volby napětí – podobně jako při modulaci proudu

Děkuji za pozornost.