

Orthopaedics

OtisMed® Imaging Technique:

Graphix for Knee MRI



Positioning for Posterior Alignment

- Use your "box" shaped graphix.
- Follow the steps below for proper placement of slices. See Figures 1, 2, and 3.
- You may need to use more than one slice to obtain the alignment necessary to pass QC (Quality Check) specifications.

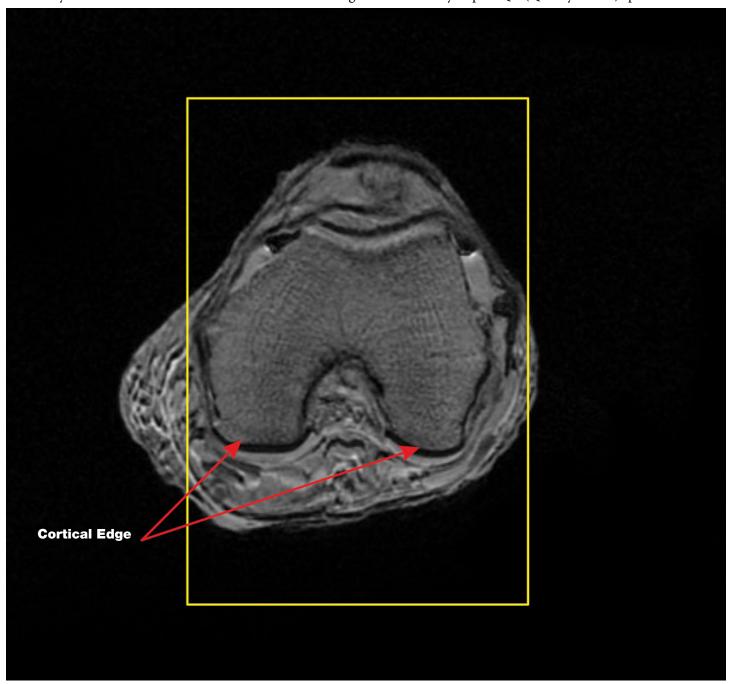


Figure 1
Axial image showing the Cortical Cancellous edges of the posterior condyles.

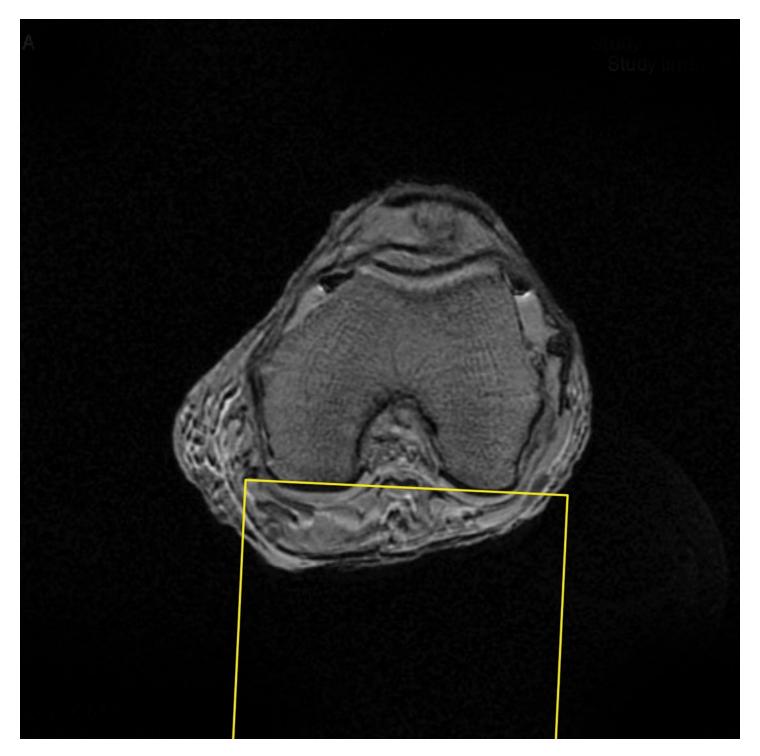


Figure 2

- Place line or edge of FOV line at cortical edge.
- Toggle between images both superiorly and inferiorly making sure the cortical edges do not fall BELOW the yellow line as shown here. If they do, make slight angle adjustment and re-check.

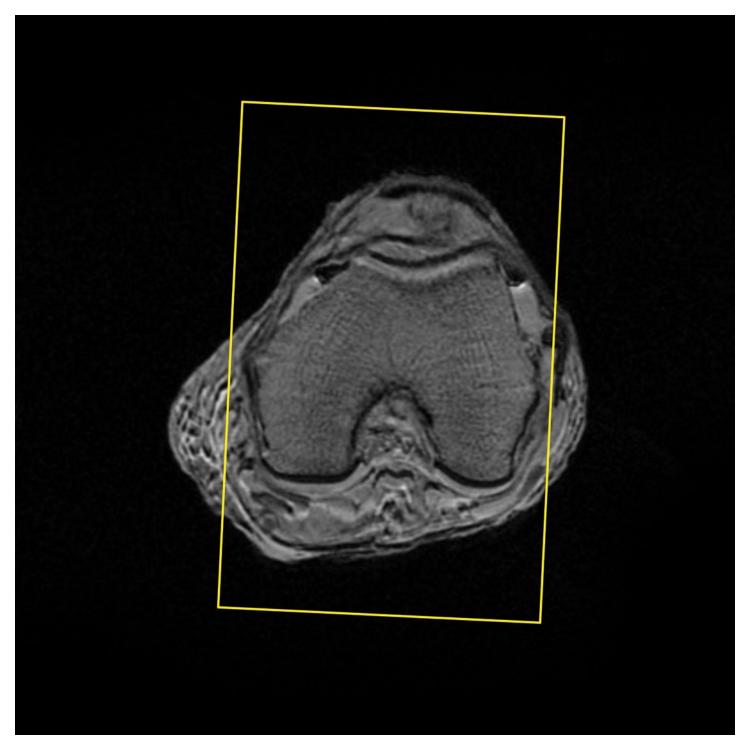


Figure 3 Center the rectangle FOV over the knee.

Positioning for Inferior Alignment

- Use your "box" shaped graphix.
- Follow the steps below for proper placement of slices. See Figures 4, 5, and 6.
- You may need to use more than one slice to obtain alignment necessary to pass QC (Quality Check) specifications.

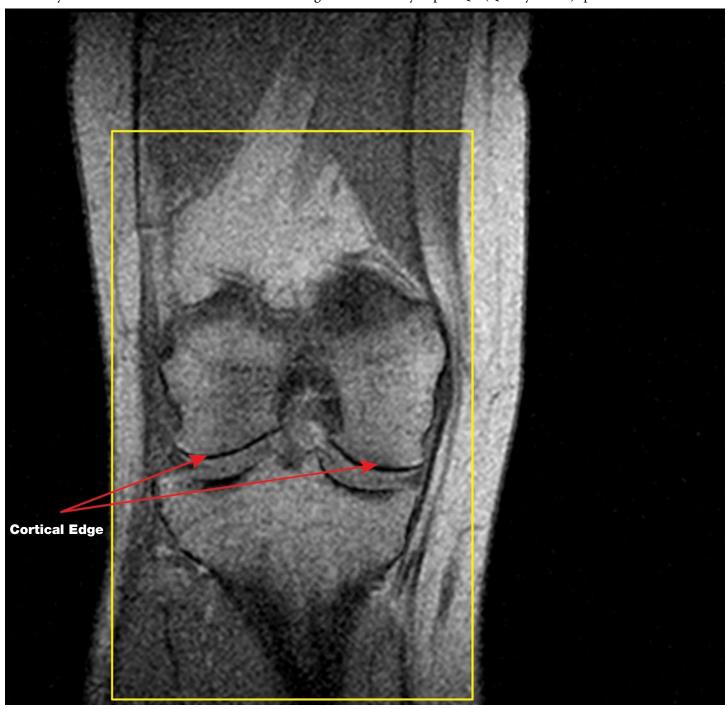


Figure 4
Sample Coronal image showing the Cortical Cancellous edges of the condyles.



Figure 5

- Place line or edge of FOV at the inferior cortical edge.
- Toggle anteriorly and posteriorly to make sure the cortical edges do not fall BELOW the yellow line. If they do, make slight angle adjustment and re-check.



Figure 6

- Move box to center slices over knee.
- Make sure to include all of the head of the fibula.

Centering 160mm FOV

- When viewing the Sagittal locator, center the FOV slightly below the "point" of the femur when viewing a mid-slice Sagittal image. See Figure 7.
- Center 160mm FOV as shown when viewing a Coronal image. See Figure 8.



Figure 7
Sample image showing correct centering at level of yellow line.



Figure 8
Sample image showing centering point on coronal image.

Alignment for the T1 Sagittal Body Coil Knee Scan

- Choose a coronal knee locator image showing the inferior condyles to be most prominent.
- Place "box" graphix so that the Sagittal slices will be perpendicular to the inferior condyles, see Figure 9.
- Plot slices so that all of the femoral condyle is covered. Do not cut off any bony anatomy.



Figure 9 Sagittal slice placement.

Alignment for the T1 Coronal Body Coil Knee Scan

- Using the Axial locator image, find the image showing the posterior condyles to be most prominent.
- Place "box" graphix so that the slices will be parallel to the posterior condyles. See Figure 10.
- Plot slices so that all of the condyle is covered from Anterior to Posterior.

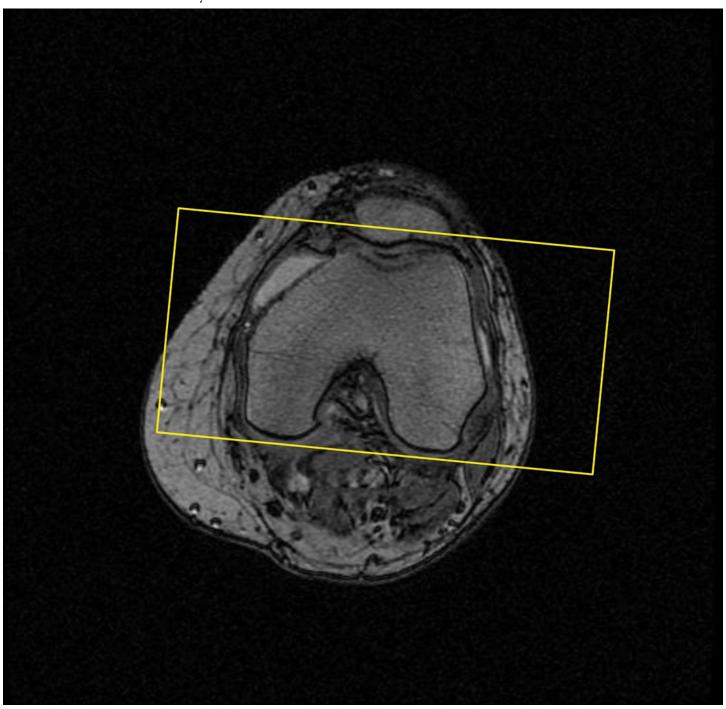


Figure 10 Coronal Placement.

Body Coil Images for the Hip and Ankle

- Make sure the Hip images show: Head of the Femur

 - Greater Trochanter
 - Femoral Neck

See Figure 11.

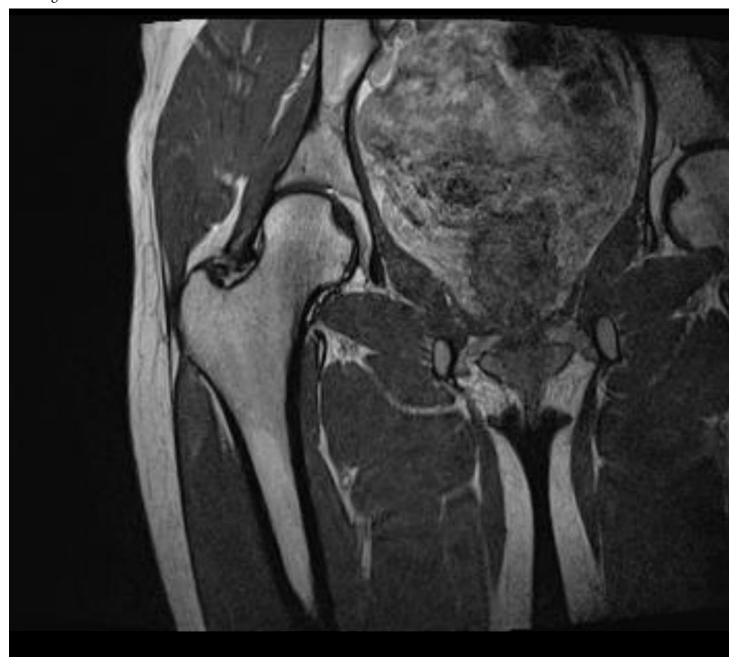


Figure 11 Sample Hip Image.

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 \bullet Make sure the Ankle images show the ankle joint line. See Figure 12.



Figure 12 Sample Ankle Scan.



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