

CT Lymph Nodes

Summary

This collection consists of Computed Tomography (CT) images of the mediastinum and abdomen in which lymph node positions are marked by radiologists at the National Institutes of Health, Clinical Center. Radiologists at the *Imaging Biomarkers and Computer-Aided Diagnosis Laboratory* labeled a total of 388 mediastinal lymph nodes in CT images of 90 patients and a total of 595 abdominal lymph nodes in 86 patients.

The collection is aimed at the medical image computing community for developing and assessing computer-aided detection methods. Automated detection of lymph nodes can be an important clinical diagnostic tool but is very challenging due to the low contrast of surrounding structures in CT and to their varying sizes, poses, shapes and sparsely distributed locations. This data set is made available to make direct comparison to other detection methods in order to advance the state of the art.

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Data Access

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Data Type	Download all or Query/Filter
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Med ABD Lymph Annotations (ZIP)	
Med Lymph Candidate Nodes (ZIP)	
Med ABD Lymph Masks (ZIP)	

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Collection Statistics	
Modalities	CT
Number of Patients	176
Number of Studies	176
Number of Series	176
Number of Images	110,103
Images Size (GB)	57.8

The DICOM files were created from volumetric images (Analyze and NifTI) using this from ITK: http://www.itk.org/Doxygen/html/Examples_2IO_2ImageReadDicomSeriesWrite_8cxx-example.html.

Annotation files

[MED_ABD_LYMPH_ANNOTATIONS.zip](#) (new 6/24/2015). The annotations include a folder for each case with text files of voxel indices, physical coordinates, size measurements and a [MITK](#) point set file (.mps), which can be visualized using the [MITK workbench](#) (Note: only release 2014.10.0 and later supports visualization of point set files using the "point set interaction plugin"). Abdominal size measurements include the longest and shortest axis in axial view of a lymph node. The shortest axis is used for the RECIST criteria. The mediastinal set only includes the shortest axis.

Mediastinal and abdominal lymph nodes

Computer-generated candidate detections for mediastinal and abdominal lymph nodes (produced by methods in [K. Cherry et al., SPIE Med. Img. 2014] and [J. Liu et al., SPIE Med. Img. 2014])). See attached: [MED_ABD_LYMPH_CANDIDATES.zip](#) (new 9/14/2015).

[MED_ABD_LYMPH_MASKS.zip](#) (new 12/8/2015): These files contain a compressed NifTI image (*.nii.gz) for each patient with manually traced lymph node segmentations. Note: these segmentation masks were produced independently to the centroid annotations in [MED_ABD_LYMPH_ANNOTATIONS.zip](#). There is an overlapping set of lymph nodes marked in both files but the indexing does not align.

Please cite the following paper when using the segmentation masks:

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