

# Simply better image quality

AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL



AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is a pioneering, deep-learning based reconstruction software that will change the way you think about MR imaging. Part of GE Healthcare's AIR<sup>™</sup> family of products, which includes lightweight coil design and intelligent workflow applications, this software challenges the inherent trade-off between SNR, scan time and image resolution.

AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is not a filter or a post-processing technique. It improves image quality at the foundational level because it's embedded directly in the reconstruction pipeline and is applied to raw data to remove noise and ringing artifacts.

I can have the best of both worlds. I don't have to choose between improving the quality of the exam and shortening the exam time.

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## AIR<sup>™</sup> RECON DL AT A GLANCE

- Increases productivity by enabling shorter scan times
- Removes image noise and ringing by leveraging raw image data
- Delivers sharper and clearer TrueFidelity™ MR images
- Enables you to set your preferred SNR improvement level
- Real-time image review at the console
- Compatible with all anatomies

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## MEETING DEMAND REQUIRES BETTER PRODUCTIVITY



31% increase in MR scans 2007-2018<sup>1</sup>



20% of all MR exams require a repeated sequence<sup>2</sup>



10% additional time required for repeats<sup>2</sup>



6% of appointments are no shows<sup>3</sup>



## THE POWER OF DEEP-LEARNING COMES TO IMAGE RECONSTRUCTION

AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is part of the SIGNA<sup>™</sup> Works AIR<sup>™</sup> IQ Edition software, and it builds on state-of-the-art features included in our 2019 launch of AIR<sup>™</sup> Edition Software. The 2019 release included AIR x<sup>™</sup> and AIR Touch<sup>™</sup>, which delivered consistency and productivity, and AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon, an image reconstruction method that improved SNR and reduced background noise and artifacts.

Customers who have been using our SIGNA<sup>™</sup>Works AIR<sup>™</sup> Edition software agree that AIR<sup>™</sup> was simply better, and now they'll be even more impressed. The SIGNA<sup>™</sup>Works AIR<sup>™</sup> IQ Edition revolutionizes MR by bringing the power of deeplearning to image reconstruction, in the form of AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL to redefine what MR image quality means. Are you ready to level up?

## THE SNR, RESOLUTION, AND SCAN TIME DILEMMA

MR radiologists and technologists have long known that there is an inherent tradeoff between resolution, SNR and scan time. Simply put, the longer the scan time, the better the SNR, but unfortunately that model doesn't align well with reality. Radiologists and technologists have to meet demanding schedules and balance the added variability of patient shape, size and cooperation. The end result can be unsatisfying because when practitioners spend more time on patient setup, less time is left for the actual scan. Shorter scan times result in decreased SNR and poor image quality, and that can lead to patient call-backs and re-scans.



 <sup>1</sup> IMV 2018 MR Market Outlook report
<sup>2</sup> Andre et al J Am Coll Radiol 2015;12:689-695
<sup>3</sup> H Benjamin Harvey et al JACR October 2017 Volume 14 (10) Pages 1303-1309

#### **Increases SNR**



Conventional



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#### **Reduces scan time**



256 x 180 (1 NEX) 1:10 min.



**AIR™ Recon DL** 256 x 180 (1 NEX) **1:10 min.** 



**Conventional** 512 x 352 (2 NEX) **4:09 min.** 

#### Delivers sharper and clearer images





Pituitary exam -Sagittal T1 post contrast



**Conventional** 0.5 x 0.7 x 2.0 mm **3:18 min.** 



AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL 0.5 x 0.6 x 2.0 mm 1:48 min.

Enables higher resolution, with shorter scan time



**AIR™ Recon DL** 0.3 x 0.3 x 1.0 mm

#### With diffusion





Conventional

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0.2 x 0.2 x 1.6 mm

## HOW DOES AIR<sup>™</sup> RECON DL WORK?

AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is a deep learning-based convolutional neural network designed to intelligently reconstruct a final MR image with high SNR and improved image sharpness. AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is not a filter or post-processing technique but rather is embedded directly in the reconstruction pipeline, where the neural network model is applied to input data to remove noise and ringing artifacts prior to final image formation. This means AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL can access the full set of acquired source data to generate an image, compared to post DICOM image conversion where important information has already been lost.

AIR™ Recon DL's neural network is trained on over 10,000 images using GE's Edison AI Platform. The trained network employs a cascade of over 100,000 unique pattern recognitions for noise and low resolution to reconstruct only the ideal object image. The network includes a tunable SNR improvement level to suit the user's preference and an innovative ringing suppression technology that recognizes common artifacts like Gibbs ringing and truncation and recasts it into improved image detail. The result is an image with high SNR and spatial resolution that is virtually free of artifacts.

With AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL, radiologists can have higher consistency and quality in the images they interpret. And technologists can acquire higher SNR without a time penalty. Scan time may also be reduced without compromising detail or SNR. No more compromises or tradeoffs.



Hear from industry peers as they share their first impressions with this pioneering, deep-learning based technology that delivers shorter scan times and sharper images. **Visit: tinyurl.com/ intelligentlyefficient** 



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## WHAT EARLY USERS ARE SAYING

21 radiologists from 11 different sites and 6 different countries were asked about their experience using AIR™ Recon DL.



AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL will reduce variability across different patients and technologists

### **REFERENCE MATERIALS**

Read our special SIGNA<sup>™</sup> Pulse of MR article collection and learn about how AIR<sup>™</sup> Recon DL is addressing the compromise between SNR, scan time and resolution across the globe.

