What to Request - X-rays

Clinical Value is enhanced with the help of the right Radiology Imaging. It can be difficult to determine which examination is the most appropriate. Below are some typical images and an overview of what is included / what to consider for each examination. Different imaging techniques are required depending on what information is being sought.

Hip/s x-ray

What is examined: Ap Hip (shown) and Lateral Hip

Structures you see:
- Single Hip
- Acetabulum

Structures you don’t see:
- Contralateral Hip
- Full proximal femur

Considerations for this examination:
- Orthopaedic Surgery requirements

Pelvis + Hip x-ray

What is examined: Pelvis From ASIS (anterior superior iliac spine) down to Proximal Femur. Lateral Hip

Structures you see:
- Both Hips including Proximal 3rd of Femur
- Pubic Rami
- Synthesis Pubis
- Most of the Pelvic bones

Considerations for this examination:
- Hip fractures
- Degenerative Hip disease assisted with ability to view 1/3 of Proximal femur
- Orthopaedic Surgery requirements

Full Pelvis x-ray

What is examined: Pelvis; Iliac Crest to Pubic Rami

Structures you see:
- All bony structures of Pelvis
- Both Hip joints
- Pubic Rami

The structures you don’t see:
- Proximal 3rd of Femur
- Lateral Hip

Considerations for this examination:
- Pelvic fractures
- Degenerative disease in SI Joints/ Hips