Software

"Normalcy" is an open source (licensed under Apache 2) software package for automated processing of MR and CT data to extract morphometric parameters of the head. The software was originally developed by the Electronic Radiology Laboratory http://erl.wustl.edu/ at Washington University School of Medicine under NIH grant R43 NS67726, Pediatric Head Models for Improved Imaging of Neurological Development. The development team has move to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Department of Medical Bioinformatics http://dbmi.uams.edu/. The 2 main uses of normalcy are 1) to measure tissue thickness (scalp, skull, CSF) and skull density along a specified surface normal (See Figure 1); 2) to measure braincase volume, skull circumference, and skull length, width, and height (See Figure 2). These uses are published in references [1] and [2] respectively. Normalcy also registers MR data to CT data in order to calculate the CSF values. Click the link "Normalcy" to access download site.

Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figure 3.

Automated Circumference Measure



With the head aligned in the NAS, PAR, PAL coordinate system, the skull is segmented and rotated to intersect the frontal pole and occipital pole with a plane. The interior of the skull is filled and the perimeter calculated.

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You may also download the software from GitHub.