

**Literature Search**  
**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**  
**Staging and Disease Monitoring of Rectal Cancer**

Literature Search Performed on: 05/18/2023

Beginning Date: January 2020

End Date: April 2023

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) ALL <1946 to May 17, 2023>

**Search Strategy**

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- 1 rectal neoplasms/ or colorectal neoplasms/ (155719)
- 2 neoplasm staging/ (192370)
- 3 1 and 2 (16931)
- 4 neoadjuvant therapy/ or chemoradiotherapy/ (41119)
- 5 3 and 4 (2289)
- 6 exp diagnostic imaging/ (2906797)
- 7 (3 or 5) and 6 (2624)
- 8 limit 7 to (abstracts and english language and humans and yr="2020 -Current") (229)
- 9 limit 8 to "all child (0 to 18 years)" (3)
- 10 8 not 9 (226)
- 11 limit 10 to case reports (3)
- 12 10 not 11 (223)

**Summary**

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Source	#Unique Refs	#Retained Refs
Old bibliography	146	130
Literature Search(es)	222	39
Author Added	32	30
Supporting Docs	3	2
Total		201

References from the literature search that were not retained had a poor study design, were not relevant to the topic, or had unclear or biased results.