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### ACR Appropriateness Criteria®

## Chronic Liver Disease

### Variant 1:  Chronic liver disease. Diagnosis and staging of liver fibrosis. Initial imaging.

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**Notes:**
- **Strong** indicates a high level of radiation exposure.
- **Limited** indicates a moderate level of radiation exposure.
- **Usually** and **May be** indicate the appropriateness of the procedure.
- **References** and **Study Quality** columns provide additional details for each procedure.
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Appendix Key
A more complete discussion of the items presented below can be found by accessing the supporting documents at the designated hyperlinks.

**Appropriateness Category**: The panel's recommendation for a procedure based on the assessment of the risks and benefits of performing the procedure for the specified clinical scenario.

**SOE**: Strength of Evidence. The assessment of the amount and quality of evidence found in the peer reviewed medical literature for an appropriateness recommendation.

- **References**: The citation number and PMID for the reference(s) associated with the recommendation.
- **Study Quality**: The assessment of the quality of an individual reference based on the number of study quality elements described in the reference.

**RRL**: Relative Radiation Level. A population based assessment of the amount of radiation a typical patient may be exposed to during the specified procedure.

**Rating**: The final rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

**Median**: The median rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

**Final tabulations**: A histogram showing the number of panel members who rated the procedure as noted in the column heading (ie, 1, 2, 3, etc.).

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