





		References	Study Quality													
		22 (9798855)	4													
CT foot with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕ <0.1 mSv	⊕⊕ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT foot without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕ <0.1 mSv	⊕⊕ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT foot without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕ <0.1 mSv	⊕⊕ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Variant 3: Chronic metatarsalgia including plantar great toe pain. Radiographs negative or equivocal. Clinical concern includes sesamoiditis, Morton’s neuroma, intermetatarsal bursitis, chronic plantar plate injury, or Freiberg’s infraction. Next imaging study.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI foot without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10

References	Study Quality
39 (8372200)	4
37 (9114115)	3
38 (17420632)	3
36 (25809742)	Good
40 (22727342)	2
32 (11706214)	4
44 (19038613)	4
41 (28109309)	4
12 (8356270)	4
33 (9765133)	4
34 (10551246)	3
35 (9016241)	3
42 (20308514)	4



			35 (9016241)		3													
			42 (20308514)		4													
			43 (12668744)		4													
			45 (30685010)		4													
Bone scan foot	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	3	2	6	2	0	0	0			
			References		Study Quality													
			12 (8356270)		4													
			24 (7633586)		2													
			26 (11595853)		4													
			27 (3806228)		4													
CT foot with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼ <0.1 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study Quality													
			29 (19038614)		4													
			30 (21817003)		3													
			28 (12627621)		4													
			31 (8079860)		4													
CT foot without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼ <0.1 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study Quality													
			29 (19038614)		4													
			30 (21817003)		3													
			28 (12627621)		4													
			31 (8079860)		4													

**Variant 4: Chronic plantar heel pain. Radiographs negative or equivocal. Clinical concern includes plantar fasciitis or plantar fascia tear. Next imaging study.**





Bone scan foot	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	0	3	6	3	1	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
61 (1424449)	4
60 (21540716)	4
62 (15230772)	4
63 (25210293)	4
59 (30788224)	4

US foot	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	0	4	1	2	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
78 (20489099)	2
79 (18064426)	3
62 (15230772)	4
77 (22506252)	4
76 (10477883)	4

CT foot with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Moderate	☼ <0.1 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
69 (8571860)	4
66 (15333345)	3
65 (11858605)	4
68 (15018183)	4
67 (29679212)	Good
64 (29876712)	3

CT foot without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Moderate	☼ <0.1 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
69 (8571860)	4
66 (15333345)	3



65 (11858605)	4
68 (15018183)	4
67 (29679212)	Good
64 (29876712)	3

MRI foot without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
72 (22078792)	4
69 (8571860)	4
65 (11858605)	4
74 (27888854)	4
71 (26888876)	2
75 (27885856)	4
63 (25210293)	4
64 (29876712)	3
70 (26557590)	3
73 (29228800)	4

**Variant 6: Chronic foot pain. Entrapment Syndromes. Radiographs negative or equivocal. Clinical concern includes Baxter’s neuropathy. Next imaging study.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI foot without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	11

References	Study Quality
80 (19703848)	2

US foot	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	2	0	0	11	0	0
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References	Study Quality
81 (23980227)	3



## **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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