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# **Cerebrovascular Diseases-Stroke and Stroke-Related Conditions**

Variant 1: Adult. Clinical transient ischemic attack (TIA). Symptoms resolved. Initial imaging

	Appropriateness	COF	A L L DDY	D I DDY	D (1	3.7.11			I	inal	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	��⊕ 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	15
		References		Study	Quality										
		21 (25477216)			2										
		20 (26747699)			4										
		19 (24029731)			4										
		14 (23228203)			2										
		13 (31662037)			4										
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��⊕ 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	11	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		24 (10219418)			2										
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	6	8
		References		Study	Quality		•								
		36 (25817629)			4										
		35 (25813066)			2										
		34 (24453269)			4										
		29 (24256197)			2										

CTA head with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	8	6	3
		References		Study	Quality										
		23 (35314513)			4										
		22 (26330567)			2										
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	2	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		38 (16679163)		l	M										
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	7	9	2	0	0
		References		Study	Quality		•			•					
		25 (23907247)			4										
MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	9	9	1	0	0
		References		Study	Quality		•								
		12 (34024117)			4										
		26 (18556586)		Not A	ssessed										
		27 (19164440)			2										
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	7	9	2	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		26 (18556586)		Not A	ssessed										
		27 (19164440)			2										
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	1	6	6	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		34 (24453269)			4										

CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv		2	2	6	4	2	1	4	1	1	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality		<u> </u>								
		18 (22068990)			2										
		17 (27939758)			2										
		16 (34925211)			2										
		15 (21220677)			2										
		14 (23228203)			2										
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		33 (29146719)			2										
		32 (17200864)			2										
		31 (11003277)			2										
		30 (27070836)			2										
		29 (24256197)			2										
		28 (15569725)			4										
		18 (22068990)			2										
CT head with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

MRV head without IV contrast	Usuall approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	/	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	1	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
		References			Study	Quality										
		37 (21917479)				4										
CTV head with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-1 mSv	0	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	/	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
		References			Study	Quality										
		37 (21917479)				4										

Variant 2: Adult. Focal neurologic deficit. Clinically suspected acute ischemic stroke. Initial imaging.

	Appropria	teness	COF	4 1 14 DD		D I DDI	<b>.</b>	3.5 11			F	inal '	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Catego		SOE	Adults RR	L	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA head with IV contrast	Usuall appropri		Strong	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	0	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	5	11
			References			Study	Quality										
			60 (35342807)				2										
			57 (29364767)				1										
			49 (36239645)				2										
			48 (36239644)				1										
			46 (29129157)				4										
			44 (26898852)			Not A	Assessed		_								
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usuall appropri		Moderate	��� 1-10 mSv	0	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	11
			References			Study	Quality										
			12 (34024117)				4										
			13 (31662037)				4										

		61 (27092472)			2										
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
		References		Study	Quality										
		58 (10905241)			2										
		59 (18617663)			2										
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	2	0	4	3	3	4	3
		References		Study	Quality										
		56 (27673305)			2										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		49 (36239645)			2										
		48 (36239644)			1										
		47 (35138767)			2										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		40 (29766770)			2										
		39 (16339467)		1	4						1				
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	ଫଫଫ 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	1	1	0	6	4	2	1	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										
		57 (29364767)			1										
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	6	7	3	1	1
		References		Study	Quality							•			
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										

MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	16	2	1	0	0
		References		Study	Quality		•								
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	14	2	2	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	3	1	5	1	7	1	0	1	0
		References		Study	Quality		•								
		39 (16339467)		_	4										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		57 (29364767)			1										
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	3	2	4	3	5	1	0	0	1
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		63 (10471419)			4										
		64 (29307510)			2										
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		55 (29075836)			2										
		54 (35593152)		C	Good										

		Usually not Limited O.0 mSv O 0 mSv 2														
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	5	5	8	1	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	y Quality										
			62 (29934921)			4										
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0
CT head with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	0
			References		Study	y Quality										
			39 (16339467)			4										
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0

Variant 3: Adult. Recent ischemic infarct; less than 24 hours. Initial imaging.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA head with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	3	12

		References		Study	Quality										
		60 (35342807)		Study	2										
		`			1										
		57 (29364767) 49 (36239645)			2										
		48 (36239644)			1										
		`			1										
		46 (29129157)		NI	4										
CTA		44 (26898852)			Assessed					Т				<u> </u>	
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Moderate	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	12
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		61 (27092472)			2										
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	15
		References		Study	Quality										
		59 (18617663)			2										
		58 (10905241)			2										
		57 (29364767)			1										
		49 (36239645)			2										
		48 (36239644)			1										
		47 (35138767)			2										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		44 (26898852)		Not A	Assessed										
MRA head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	2	0	12	3	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										

MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	8	1	8	2	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	1	0	0	0	4	3	4	1	6
		References		Study	y Quality										
		56 (27673305)			2										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		49 (36239645)			2										
		48 (36239644)			1										
		47 (35138767)			2										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		40 (29766770)			2										
		39 (16339467)			4										
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	0	0	0	8	10	0	0	1
		References		Study	y Quality										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		46 (29129157)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										
		57 (29364767)			1					_					
MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	13	3	2	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		39 (16339467)			4										
		52 (32668115)			4										
		56 (27673305)			2										

MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	May be appropria		Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	14	3	0	1	0
			References		Stud	ly Quality										
			39 (16339467)			4										
			46 (29129157)			4										
			57 (29364767)			1										
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	May be appropria		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	6	10	2	0	0	0
			References		Stud	ly Quality										
			63 (10471419)			4										
			64 (29307510)			2										
			12 (34024117)			4										
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually r appropria	not ate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	2	4	6	2	0	0	0	0
			References		Stud	ly Quality										
			62 (29934921)			4					_					
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually r appropria		Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Stud	ly Quality										
			55 (29075836)			2										
			54 (35593152)			Good										
			53 (35251309)			Good										
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually r appropria		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	3	4	1	2	1	0	0	0
			References		Stud	ly Quality										
			39 (16339467)			4										
CT head with IV contrast	Usually r appropria		Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0

CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	4	1	1	1	0	0	1	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	୫୫୫ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	3	0	1	1	0	1	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	0

### Variant 4: Adult. Recent ischemic infarct; greater than 24 hours. Initial imaging.

<b>D</b> 1	Appropriate	ness	A L L DDI	D I DDI	<b>.</b>	3.5.11			F	inal '	<b>Tabu</b> l	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriat	SHORE	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	13
		References		Study	Quality										
		68 (34921104)			2										
		67 (24525954)			2										
CTA head with IV contrast	Usually appropriat		��� 1-10 mSv	ଡେଡେଡେ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	4	4	6	2	2
		References		Study	Quality										
		22 (26330567)			2										
		23 (35314513)			4										
		69 (35143758)			4										
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriat	e Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	0	2	4	5	2	5

		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		13 (31662037)			4					ı					
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	0	3	3	3	1	8
		References		Study	Quality										
		79 (35862046)			2										
		78 (33043760)			2										
		77 (31479136)			4										
		76 (23894258)			2										
		75 (23173645)			4										
		74 (22367989)			2										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		12 (34024117)			4		-			1					
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	1	5	3	7	1	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		22 (26330567)			2										
		23 (35314513)			4										
		69 (35143758)			4										
MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	1	7	8	2	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		71 (16155164)			2										
		70 (15955853)			2										
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	0	7	9	1	0	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		70 (15955853)			2										
		71 (16155164)			2										

US duplex Doppler carotid artery	May be appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	5	11	2	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		80 (29522870)			2										
		38 (16679163)			M										
		24 (10219418)			2										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		12 (34024117)			4										
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv		3	3	4	3	7	1	4	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality		•								
		17 (27939758)			2										
		18 (22068990)			2										
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	6	9	0	0	0	0	0	1
		References		Study	y Quality										
		66 (31649101)			4										
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	2	4	1	6	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality							•			
		62 (29934921)			4										
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	3	3	3	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		18 (22068990)			2										
		73 (21737809)			2										
		72 (23908062)		·	2										
		33 (29146719)			2										
		32 (17200864)			2										
		31 (11003277)			2										

CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	3	0	0	0	1	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	3	1	0	0	0	1	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	3	1	1	2	1	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	1	1	2	0	0	1	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0

Variant 5: Adult. Prior ischemic infarct. Surveillance imaging.

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Procedure	Categ		SOE	Adults RR	KL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT head without IV contrast	Usua approp		Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	0	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	5	8
			References			Study	Quality										
			67 (24525954)				2										
			68 (34921104)				2										
CTA head with IV contrast	May approp		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	0	0	1	14	1	1	0	0
			References			Study	Quality										
			22 (26330567)				2										

		23 (35314513)			4										
		69 (35143758)			4										
CTA neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	1	14	2	1	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		12 (34024117)			4										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		24 (10219418)			2										
		81 (25721945)			1										
		82 (33004431)			4										
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	1	0	8	6	1	1	0	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		22 (26330567)			2										
		23 (35314513)			4										
		69 (35143758)			4										
MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	1	0	5	9	2	0	0	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		85 (26077590)			2										
		84 (26077583)			4										
		83 (22498329)			2						1				
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	1	0	6	8	1	0	1	1
		References		Study	Quality					-					
		12 (34024117)			4										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		85 (26077590)			2										
		84 (26077583)			4										
		83 (22498329)			2										

MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	0	2	5	2	6	2	1
		References		Study	y Quality										
		79 (35862046)			2										
		78 (33043760)			2										
		77 (31479136)			4										
		76 (23894258)			2										
		75 (23173645)			4										
		74 (22367989)			2										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		12 (34024117)			4										
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	3	10	4	1	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality					,					
		12 (34024117)			4										
		13 (31662037)			4										
		38 (16679163)			M										
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	<b>\$\$\$\$</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	2	5	3	1	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality		•								
		66 (31649101)			4										
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	2	6	4	0	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality		•	•	•			•		•	
		62 (29934921)			4										
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv		2	2	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality		_								
		17 (27939758)			2										
		18 (22068990)			2										

MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	7	0	2	0	0	0	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
	•	18 (22068990)			2										
		33 (29146719)			2										
		32 (17200864)			2										
		31 (11003277)			2		_	1	1						
CT head with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	999 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	1	2	3	0	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	9	1	1	12	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0

# Variant 6: Adult. Known intraparenchymal hemorrhage. No history of trauma. Follow-up imaging study.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	12

CTA head with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	<b>\$\$\$\$</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	1	0	1	4	5	7
		References		Study	Quality										
		5 (34794589)			4										
		95 (19910545)			3										
		94 (24136645)			2										
		93 (25177839)			2										
		92 (19342546)			1										
		91 (30193811)			2										
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	0	2	1	3	6	6
		References		Study	Quality										
		98 (20733299)			2										
		97 (10800260)			2										
		96 (21761271)			1										
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	0	2	4	4	4	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		97 (10800260)			2										
		98 (20733299)			2										
Arteriography cervicocerebral	May be appropriate	Strong	<b>⊕⊕⊕</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	2	9	6	2	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		90 (9836762)			4										
		89 (26553142)			1										
		88 (9227692)			2										
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	10	7	1	0	1
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		93 (25177839)			2										

		95 (19910545)			3										
MRV head without IV contrast	May approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	2	14	2	1	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	May approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	15	2	1	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	May approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	15	3	0	1	0
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	1	7	0	3	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality								•	•	
		5 (34794589)			4										
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv		2	2	7	4	7	0	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		5 (34794589)			4				,						
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	1
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	1
CT head with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	1	2	2	0	1	0	0

US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Variant 7: Adult. Suspected venous sinus thrombosis. Initial imaging.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	10
		References		Study	y Quality										
		99 (21293023)			4										
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	14
		References		Study	y Quality										
		101 (9393193)			3									_	
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16
		References		Study	y Quality										
		104 (25938564)	)		2		_								
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	7	5
		References		Study	y Quality										
		103 (26670082)	)		2										
		102 (11237970)	)		4						_				
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	5	8
		References		Study	y Quality										

		103 (26670082)			2										
		103 (20070082)			4										
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	9
		References		Study	Quality			•						•	
		104 (25938564)	)		2										
CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	4	4	4	2	2	6	4	1	0	0	0
CTA head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	3	3	4	3	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		5 (34794589)			4		_								
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv		3	3	6	1	5	2	4	0	0	1	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv		3	3	6	3	6	2	1	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		100 (24172883)	)		3										
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	3	4	3	3	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		100 (24172883)			3										
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	5	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	0
MRA head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0

MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

#### Variant 8: Adult. Known venous sinus thrombosis. Surveillance imaging.

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Procedure	Categ	gory	SOE	Adults RR	L	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	11
			References			Study	Quality										
			104 (25938564)	)			2			_		_					
CT head without IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	6	5
			References			Study	Quality										
			99 (21293023)				4			_		_					
MRI head without IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	6	7	4
			References			Study	Quality										
			102 (11237970)	)			4										
			103 (26670082)	)			2										

MRI head without and with IV	TT.	11			. O 0 mSv											Τ
contrast	Usua approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	[ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	5	5
			References		Stu	dy Quality										
			102 (11237970)	)		4										
			103 (26670082)	)		2										
MRV head without IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	1	1	3	7	6
	,		References		Stu	dy Quality										
			104 (25938564)	)		2										
CTV head with IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	9	6
			References		Stu	dy Quality		-								
			101 (9393193)			3										
			106 (17114562)	)		2										
CTA head with IV contrast	Usually		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	3	3	7	1	7	2	2	0	0	0	0
			References		Stu	dy Quality			•	•	•	•	•		•	
			5 (34794589)			4										
CT head with IV contrast	Usually		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	3	3	5	1	5	4	2	2	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	3	3	6	1	3	6	1	1	1	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	3	3	8	1	2	2	4	1	1	0	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	2	2	8	2	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Stu	dy Quality										

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MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		100 (24172883)	)		3									_	
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRA head without IV contrast	Usually approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		5 (34794589)			4										
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 9: Adult. Asymptomatic cervical bruit. Initial imaging.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	12

References	Study Quality
120 (15944595)	M

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		112 (35412377	·		4										
		111 (25355838)	)		4			1		1	I	1			
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriat		��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	0	1	3	4	4	6
		References		Study	Quality										
		24 (10219418)			2										
		116 (24343701)	)		2										
		115 (28251333	)		2										
		114 (30378455	)		4										
		113 (29896980	)		2										
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriat	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	0	1	0	3	6	8
		References		Study	Quality										
		27 (19164440)			2										
		119 (24008170	)		1										
		118 (23988640	)		4										
		117 (32877415	)		2										
		114 (30378455	)		4										
		113 (29896980	)		2										
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually appropriat		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	1	10	1	5
		References		Study	Quality										
		27 (19164440)	)		2										
		119 (24008170	)		1										
		118 (23988640	)		4										
		117 (32877415	)		2										
		114 (30378455	)		4										
		113 (29896980	)		2			1			1				
CT head without IV contrast	Usually no appropriat		��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	3	10	0	0	0	0	0	0

CTA head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	<b>≎≎≎≎</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	5	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	0
CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv		1	1	13	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	4	2	1	1	0	0	1	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	4	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	4	2	0	0	0	1	0	0

Variant 10: Adult. Asymptomatic carotid stenosis. Surveillance imaging.

	Appropriateness								I	inal	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	7
		References		Study	Quality										
		80 (29522870)			2										
		116 (24343701)	)		2										
		115 (28251333)	)		2										
		114 (30378455)	)		4										
		113 (29896980)	)		2					_					
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	7	6
		References		Study	Quality										
		27 (19164440)			2										
		85 (26077590)			2										
		119 (24008170)	)		1										
		118 (23988640)	)		4										
		117 (32877415)			2										
		114 (30378455)	)		4										
		113 (29896980)			2										
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	6	7
		References		Study	Quality		-								
		120 (15944595)	)		M										
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	1	10	3	4
		References		Study	Quality										

		27 (19104440)			<u> </u>											
			85 (26077590)			2										
			119 (24008170)	1		1										
			118 (23988640)	1		4										
			117 (32877415)	1		2										
			114 (30378455)	1		4										
			113 (29896980)	ı		2										
MRI head without IV contrast	May approp (Disagre	riate	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	3	0	0	5	6	4	0	0	1
CTA head with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	2	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT head without IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	2	8	1	0	1	0	0	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp	y not riate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv		2	2	9	2	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			124 (28255464)	ı		2										
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	1	3	1	4	1	0	0	0
MRA head without IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	7	1	0	0	1	0	0
	•		References		Study	Quality										
			124 (28255464)			2										
CT head with IV contrast	Usually approp		Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

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CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	≎⊛≎ 1-10 mSv	<b>\$\$\$\$</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	5	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	1	5	0	2	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	୫୫୫ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

### Variant 11: Adult. Suspected cervical vascular dissection or injury. Initial imaging.

D 1	Appropriaten	ess cor	SOE Adults RRL Peds RRL Rating Median							F	inal '	Гаbu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RR	L Peas	S KKL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	3   3	<b>≎</b> 0.3- mSv ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13
		References		Study												
		131 (27767400)			4											
		130 (18635617)	)			2										
		129 (29853818)	)			_										
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	Limited O 0 mSv			8	8	1	0	0	0	1	1	5	6	5
		References	•	Study	Quality					-						
		129 (29853818)			4											

132 (24384680) 2 CT head without IV contrast **₩₩** 0.3-**���** 1-10 Usually Expert 3 mSv 7 7 0 0 0 0 6 3 8 0 2 mSv appropriate Consensus [bed] MRA neck without IV contrast Usually O 0 mSv O 0 mSv 7 7 0 0 5 3 0 0 0 10 Limited appropriate [ped] References Study Quality 129 (29853818) 4 2 132 (24384680) CTA head with IV contrast **∞∞∞∞** 3-May be **२० २०** 1-10 Expert 13 10 mSv 5 5 0 0 0 1 3 1 0 appropriate mSv Consensus [ped] MRA head without IV contrast O 0 mSv May be Expert 2 O 0 mSv 5 5 0 3 2 0 1 11 0 0 appropriate Consensus [ped] MRI head without IV contrast May be O 0 mSv Expert O 0 mSv 5 5 0 0 0 13 3 0 Consensus [ped] appropriate Arteriography cervicocerebral **����** 3-Usually not **२ २ २** 1-10 10 mSv 2 2 9 4 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 Strong mSv appropriate [ped] References Study Quality 128 (26478890) 4 127 (22198988) 2 126 (10568710) 2 **∞∞∞** 0.3-CT head with IV contrast **२० २०** 1-10 Usually not Expert 3 mSv 12 3 3 0 0 0 0 0 1 mSv appropriate Consensus [ped] CT head without and with IV ₩₩₩ 3-Usually not **२० २०** 1-10 Expert 13 3 0 0 0 10 mSv 1 2 0 0 contrast mSv appropriate Consensus [ped] CT head perfusion with IV Usually not **���** 1-10 Expert 12 2 1 4 0 0 0 0 0 contrast appropriate mSv Consensus MRA head without and with IV Usually not O 0 mSv Expert 13 2 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 O 0 mSv 1 contrast appropriate Consensus [ped]

MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	୫୫୫ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Variant 12: Adult. Known cervical vascular dissection or injury. Surveillance imaging.

D 1	Appropri	ateness	SOE Adults RRL Peds RRL Rating Median							F	inal '	<b>Fabu</b> l	latio	ns			
Procedure	Categ		SOE	Adults RR	KL .	Peas RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	��� 1-1 mSv	0	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	13
			References		Study												
			131 (27767400)				4										
			130 (18635617)	)			2										
			129 (29853818)	)													
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	Limited O 0 mSv		O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	1	0	3	12	0	2
			References			Study	Quality										
			129 (29853818)				4										

		132 (24384680)	)												
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	3	2
		References		Study	y Quality										
		129 (29853818)	)		4										
		132 (24384680)	)		2	,									
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	3	2	0	9	2	3	0	0	0
CTA head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	1	1	9	5	2	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	0	1	9	6	2	0	0	0
CT head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	2	5	0	4	1	0	0	0
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	1	3	9	0	0	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler carotid artery	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		137 (20962286)	)		2										
CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	��� 0.3- 3 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv		1	1	11	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0
MRI head perfusion with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	3	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
US duplex Doppler transcranial	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0

#### **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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