American College of Radiology ACR Appropriateness Criteria[®]

Imaging of Possible Tuberculosis

Variant 1: Suspect active tuberculosis.

Procedure	Appropriateness	SOF			D (1	N7 11	Final Tabulations										
	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate		≎ <0.1 mSv		9	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually appropriate		ଡେଡେ 1-10 mSv	&&&& 3- 10 mSv [ped]	7	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CT chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate		ଡେଡେ 1-10 mSv	&&&& 3- 10 mSv [ped]	6	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MRI chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MRI chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		ଡେଡେ 1-10 mSv	ହତତତ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Variant 2: Newly positive PPD or IGRA OR positive PPD or IGRA with unknown prior status. No clinical symptoms.

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	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Radiography chest	Usually		≎ < 0.1 mSv	€ <0.03	9	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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	Category	SOE		Peas KKL		Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	appropriate			mSv [ped]													
CT chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate		ଝଝଝ 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		ତେତେ 1-10 mSv	&&&& 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MRI chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
MRI chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		ତତତ 1-10 mSv	େହେତେତ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Variant 3: PPD not available. Placement in group home or skilled nursing facility. No clinical symptoms.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	COL	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	D. (1		Final Tabulations											
		SOE			Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9			
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate		& <0.1 mSv		9	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
MRI chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		ଝେଝେ 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
CT chest with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		ଡେଡେ 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			

MRI chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	ଡଡ ଡ 1-1 mSv)	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	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.).

Additional supporting documents about the AC methodology and processes can be found at www.acr.org/ac.