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**Post-Treatment Surveillance of Bladder Cancer**

**Variant 1: Nonmuscle invasive bladder cancer no symptoms or risk factors. Post-treatment surveillance.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Radiography intravenous urography	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRU without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	3	5	1	0	0	1	1	0
		References		Study Quality											
		31 (20152273)		3											
		20 (10367843)		4											
		19 (10992362)		3											
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	4	0	0	0	2	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
CTU without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	7	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											

23 (23680310)	3
20 (10367843)	4
19 (10992362)	3

MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	3	0	0	1	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
29 (26760195)	2
30 (24072383)	2
27 (30922688)	2
28 (31012814)	2
25 (29727910)	Inadequate
26 (29206594)	Good
24 (28987698)	Good

Radiography chest	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼ <0.1 mSv	☼ <0.03 mSv [ped]	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0

References	Study Quality
29 (26760195)	2
30 (24072383)	2
27 (30922688)	2
28 (31012814)	2
25 (29727910)	Inadequate

			26 (29206594)		Good												
			24 (28987698)		Good												
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US pelvis (bladder)	Usually not appropriate	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References		Study Quality												
			32 (21655537)		2												
			33 (18096730)		2												

**Variant 2: Nonmuscle invasive bladder cancer with symptoms or risk factors. Post-treatment surveillance.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations										
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
CTU without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	7	2		
			References		Study Quality												
			38 (25341140)		1												
MRU without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	5	0		
			References		Study Quality												
			40 (20171676)		2												
Radiography chest	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕ <0.1 mSv	⊕ <0.03 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	1	3	9	1	1	1	0	0		
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	1	3	10	2	0	0	0	0		



CT chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
US pelvis (bladder)	Usually not appropriate	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			References	Study Quality											
			32 (21655537)	2											
			33 (18096730)	2											

**Variant 3: Muscle-invasive bladder cancer with or without cystectomy. Post-treatment surveillance.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTU without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	9
			References	Study Quality											
			38 (25341140)	1											
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹ <0.1 mSv	☹ <0.03 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fluoroscopy abdomen loopogram	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv		8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRU without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	4	5
			References	Study Quality											
			40 (20171676)	2											

CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	1	1	2	4	3	4
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Moderate	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	2	3	4	5	1

References	Study Quality
62 (19396568)	3
63 (19914691)	3
61 (29381380)	Good

CT chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	1	5	2	0	6	0	1	0
CT chest without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	3	1	3	5	3	1	1	0

References	Study Quality
62 (19396568)	3
63 (19914691)	3
61 (29381380)	Good

FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	May be appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
54 (17475965)	3
50 (19652070)	2
51 (20151968)	2
56 (22448033)	4
60 (16741302)	2



## **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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