









MRA neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	2	3	0	10	1	0	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		27 (10598164)		4												
		26 (25632417)		4												
Arteriography spine area of interest	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	3	3	6	3	1	5	2	1	0	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		49 (23361484)		4												
Radiography spine area of interest	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	2	2	6	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	
CT spine area of interest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	Varies	Varies	2	2	9	3	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		41 (12702827)		1												
		40 (26612468)		4												
		39 (7538874)		4												
		38 (14566120)		2												
		37 (-3128680)		4												
		36 (27250728)		3												
		35 (23422283)		2												
		34 (16612322)		4												
		33 (12913630)		3												
		32 (19509621)		2												
CT spine area of interest with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	Varies	Varies	2	2	5	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		41 (12702827)		1												
		40 (26612468)		4												
		39 (7538874)		4												
		38 (14566120)		2												

37 (-3128680)	4
36 (27250728)	3
35 (23422283)	2
34 (16612322)	4
33 (12913630)	3
32 (19509621)	2

CT myelography spine area of interest	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	2	2	5	5	3	3	1	1	0	0	0
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**Variant 3: Ataxia. No history of trauma. Suspected intracranial process. Stroke intervention not a consideration. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	14

References	Study Quality
92 (16292245)	4
91 (16340337)	4
90 (12942319)	4
89 (15607611)	4
88 (16636229)	4
87 (19729538)	4

MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	1	6	9	1
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References	Study Quality
92 (16292245)	4
91 (16340337)	4
90 (12942319)	4
89 (15607611)	4
88 (16636229)	4

		87 (19729538)			4										
CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	4	2	1	9	0	0	0
CT head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	2	3	10	1	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	5	1	3	3	4	1	1	0	0
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	3	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	9	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	5	0	2	1	0	0	0
CTV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	5	5	4	1	1	2	0	0	0
MRV head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	5	0	1	2	0	0	0
I-123 Ioflupane SPECT/CT brain	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv		2	2	8	4	3	0	2	1	0	0	0
In-111 DTPA cisternography	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv		1	1	10	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	0

**Variant 4: Ataxia of any acuity. No history of trauma. Suspected spinal or spinal vascular process. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations									
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
MRI spine area of interest without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	12	
MRI spine area of interest without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	8	2	
MRA spine area of interest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	2	6	8	1	0	0	
		References	Study Quality													
		126 (14872165)	4													
		125 (17698524)	4													
		124 (10588098)	4													
		123 (18202236)	4													
CTA spine area of interest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	5	5	0	1	2	1	12	1	0	0	0	
		References	Study Quality													
		122 (16611770)	4													
MRA spine area of interest without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	0	4	11	1	0	0	0	
		References	Study Quality													
		126 (14872165)	4													
		125 (17698524)	4													
		124 (10588098)	4													
		123 (18202236)	4													
CT spine area of interest without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	4	4	0	1	4	8	3	1	0	0	0	
CT spine area of interest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	4	4	1	1	5	8	0	2	0	0	0	



CT myelography spine area of interest	May be appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	4	4	1	1	2	6	4	3	1	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		127 (18710972)		4												
		9 (-3120926)		4												
Arteriography spine area of interest	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	4	4	4	1	1	6	6	0	0	0	0	
CT spine area of interest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	2	2	6	7	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Radiography spine area of interest	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	Varies	Varies	1	1	12	1	4	0	0	0	1	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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