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Orbits, Vision, and Visual Loss

Variant 1: Traumatic visual defect. Suspect orbital injury. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT orbits without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		9	9	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	14

References	Study Quality
10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

CT head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	0	3	3	10	2	0

References	Study Quality
10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3

References	Study Quality
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

MRI orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	5	2	8	2	2	0

References	Study Quality
16 (27262056)	4
17 (25882280)	2

MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	3	1	2	12	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
17 (25882280)	2

MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	0	1	3	4	5	4	0	0

References	Study Quality
16 (27262056)	4
17 (25882280)	2

CT orbits with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		5	5	2	0	5	2	2	6	1	1	0

References	Study Quality
10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

MRI head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	1	4	1	10	1	0	0	0
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	2	2	5	8	1	0	0
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	2	0	5	5	6	1	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	2	0	5	3	8	1	0	0	0
CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	2	11	2	0	1	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
16 (27262056)	4

Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	8	1	9	0	1	0	0	0	0
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	0

References	Study Quality
10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	10	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality

10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	3	6	0	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
10 (22964404)	4
16 (27262056)	4
7 (21326128)	4
14 (10726796)	2
12 (24694248)	3
11 (24614544)	4
9 (21772209)	4
13 (22698295)	3
15 (23287107)	3

Variant 2: Nontraumatic orbital asymmetry, exophthalmos, or enophthalmos. Initial imaging.

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

References	Study Quality
61 (23975080)	4

		7 (21326128)		4												
		59 (25248586)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
		60 (25348417)		4												
CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		8	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	5	5
CT orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	0	0	1	2	6	1	3	4
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	2	3	9	2	1	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	5	5	3	2	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
MRI head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	1	6	11	0	0	0
MRI orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	4	11	2	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		29 (14746934)		4												
		27 (870165)		4												
		28 (9884691)		4												
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	4	1	3	7	4	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												

		35 (18071114)		4												
MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	0	0	6	6	5	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	4	5	8	2	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	3	0	10	5	1	0	0	0
CT head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	3	1	7	6	1	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	4	3	4	1	1	0	0	0
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	9	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		34 (25448997)		4												
		32 (21786273)		3												
		33 (22709420)		3												

Variant 3: Suspected orbital cellulitis, uveitis, or scleritis. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	12

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	5

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

CT orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	0	0	3	5	10	1	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4

References	Study Quality
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

MRI head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	1	0	7	9	1	0	0

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
40 (23759440)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

MRI orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	5	9	4	0	0

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	2	3	3	9	1	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	2	3	3	10	1	0	0	0
MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	6	8	3	0	0	0

References	Study Quality

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	2	3	8	5	1	0	0	0	

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	5	2	9	3	0	0	0	0	
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	4	7	1	2	0	0	0	0	
CT head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	3	7	5	1	1	0	0	0	

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4

43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		3	3	7	2	3	1	5	1	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 4: Suspected optic neuritis. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	15

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	5	8

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

MRI orbits without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	6	3	0

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	1	0	0	0	4	4	6	2	0

References	Study Quality
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
40 (23759440)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
41 (21482868)	4
46 (24298218)	4
39 (22963447)	M

CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		3	3	6	2	2	3	2	2	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4

	44 (23053380)	4														
	45 (24924283)	3														
	38 (5470225)	4														
CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	3	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	
	References	Study Quality														
	7 (21326128)	4														
	47 (22182506)	3														
	42 (19221728)	4														
	43 (19016810)	4														
	46 (24298218)	4														
	44 (23053380)	4														
	45 (24924283)	3														
	38 (5470225)	4														
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	
	References	Study Quality														
	7 (21326128)	4														
	42 (19221728)	4														
	43 (19016810)	4														
	2 (15531324)	4														
	46 (24298218)	4														
	44 (23053380)	4														
	45 (24924283)	3														
	38 (5470225)	4														
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		2	2	7	2	3	3	1	1	0	0	0	
	References	Study Quality														
	7 (21326128)	4														
	42 (19221728)	4														

43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3
38 (5470225)	4

CT orbits without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		2	2	6	4	3	3	0	0	1	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
42 (19221728)	4
48 (21546008)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
46 (24298218)	4
44 (23053380)	4
45 (24924283)	3

CTA head and neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	5	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
CT head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	5	3	4	1	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
47 (22182506)	3
42 (19221728)	4
43 (19016810)	4

		2 (15531324)		4												
		46 (24298218)		4												
		44 (23053380)		4												
		45 (24924283)		3												
		38 (5470225)		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		49 (12820855)		2												

Variant 5: Visual loss. Etiology identified on ophthalmologic examination or laboratory tests.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI orbits without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	0	2	2	5	0	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		56 (21959626)		4											
CT head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	2	2	2	2	0	0	1	0
CT orbits without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		2	2	8	1	3	2	2	0	0	1	0
MRI head without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	2	0	3	3	1	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		56 (21959626)		4											

MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	5	4	1	1	0	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	56 (21959626)		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
CT head with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	2	2	2	1	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	9	3	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	9	2	1	1	3	1	0	0	0
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	6	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	11	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
MRI head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	56 (21959626)		4												

Variant 6: Visual loss. Intraocular mass,optic nerve, or pre-chiasm symptoms. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	17

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
1 (22284056)	4
58 (27843906)	4

CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		7	7	0	0	0	0	2	4	5	5	3

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4

MRI orbits without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	0	0	4	12	2	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
1 (22284056)	4
58 (27843906)	4

CT orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	0	0	3	1	12	3	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4

MRI head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	1	0	0	2	2	12	1	0	1

References	Study Quality

		7 (21326128)		4												
		1 (22284056)		4												
		58 (27843906)		4												
MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	1	5	9	2	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		1 (22284056)		4												
		58 (27843906)		4												
CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	3	11	1	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
CT head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	1	3	7	6	2	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	0	4	5	7	1	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	1	5	6	1	4	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												

		35 (18071114)		4												
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	3	2	9	3	1	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	5	5	1	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		36 (18356442)		4												
		35 (18071114)		4												
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	4	2	2	0	1	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	9	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		7 (21326128)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												

Variant 7: Nonischemic visual loss. Chiasm or post-chiasm symptoms. 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	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	14

References	Study Quality
61 (23975080)	4
59 (25248586)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
60 (25348417)	4

MRI head without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	4	10	4	0

References	Study Quality
61 (23975080)	4
59 (25248586)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
60 (25348417)	4

CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	2	7	3	4	2	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
59 (25248586)	4
62 (27213742)	3

CT head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	5	4	3	5	1	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
59 (25248586)	4
62 (27213742)	3

CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	3	6	6	2	0	0
MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	6	5	6	1	0	1

References	Study Quality
36 (18356442)	4
35 (18071114)	4

CT head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	2	3	11	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
7 (21326128)	4
59 (25248586)	4
62 (27213742)	3

CTV head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	2	3	5	3	6	0	0	0
MRV head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	4	1	7	4	2	0	0	0
MRV head without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	3	3	3	8	0	0	0	0
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	3	2	5	7	0	0	0	0

References	Study Quality
36 (18356442)	4
35 (18071114)	4

CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		3	3	5	3	4	4	1	1	0	0	1
CT orbits without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		3	3	7	2	5	2	2	0	1	0	0

MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	2	10	0	1	0	0	0	0
MRI orbits without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	1	10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		2	2	8	3	6	1	0	1	0	0	0
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 8: Ophthalmoplegia or diplopia. 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	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	10

References	Study Quality
1 (22284056)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4
68 (27448831)	3
67 (27768791)	3

MRI orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	13

References	Study Quality
1 (22284056)	4
43 (19016810)	4
2 (15531324)	4

		68 (27448831)		3												
		67 (27768791)		3												
CT orbits with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		7	7	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	3	5	
		References		Study Quality												
		43 (19016810)		4												
MRI orbits without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	1	6	7	2	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		1 (22284056)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
		68 (27448831)		3												
		67 (27768791)		3												
MRI head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	2	0	1	6	7	1	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		1 (22284056)		4												
		43 (19016810)		4												
		2 (15531324)		4												
		68 (27448831)		3												
		67 (27768791)		3												
CT orbits without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		6	6	0	0	1	2	4	11	1	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		43 (19016810)		4												
CTA head and neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	4	13	0	0	0	
		References		Study Quality												
		69 (11918895)		4												

MRA head and neck without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	4	13	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	69 (11918895)		4												
MRA head and neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	2	4	12	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	69 (11918895)		4												
CT head with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	1	4	12	2	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	43 (19016810)		4												
CT head without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	6	12	1	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	43 (19016810)		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	1	5	4	3	1	0	0	0
CT head without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv	☢☢☢☢ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	43 (19016810)		4												
Radiography orbit	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☢ <0.1 mSv	☢ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	1	16	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT orbits without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☢☢☢ 1-10 mSv		1	1	9	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	0
	References		Study Quality												
	43 (19016810)		4												

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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