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ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**

Sinonasal Disease

Variant 1: Acute (<4 weeks) uncomplicated rhinosinusitis.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT paranasal sinuses without IV contrast	May be appropriate		☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT cone beam paranasal sinuses without IV contrast	May be appropriate		☼☼ 0.1-1mSv		4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT paranasal sinuses with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radiography paranasal sinuses	Usually not appropriate		☼ <0.1 mSv	☼ <0.03 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT paranasal sinuses without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI maxillofacial without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI maxillofacial without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 2: Possible surgical candidate. Recurrent acute rhinosinusitis, chronic rhinosinusitis, sinonasal polyposis, or noninvasive fungal sinusitis.

CT paranasal sinuses with IV contrast	Usually appropriate		☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	7	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRI maxillofacial without IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	6	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arteriography craniofacial	May be appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv		4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTA head with IV contrast	May be appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head without IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CTA neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	May be appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA head with IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck with IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	4	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT paranasal sinuses without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT cone beam paranasal sinuses without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼ 0.1-1mSv		2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 5: Suspected invasive fungal sinusitis.

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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