



36 (13679283)	3
37 (28438298)	4
28 (27542075)	4
34 (16448927)	3

MRI neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	4	4	4	5	0	0
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References	Study Quality
13 (23641590)	3
14 (28891424)	4
19 ( )	4
35 (18995981)	3
36 (13679283)	3
37 (28438298)	4
28 (27542075)	4
34 (16448927)	3

US neck	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	2	0	3	5	5	2	1
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References	Study Quality
54 (23562011)	3
58 (24567918)	3
55 (24768485)	3
45 (24434158)	4
56 (23243639)	3
42 (24263756)	3
52 (23453381)	3
57 (23820176)	3
43 (20652889)	2
41 (18390388)	4
46 (15121245)	3
50 (20950927)	3
14 (28891424)	4

44 (27070179)	2
47 (26025577)	2
48 (26256915)	3
49 (24819862)	3
51 (25542937)	3
53 (26617244)	3

CT neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	1	2	2	4	8	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
32 (23449649)	4
20 (25476177)	4
25 (25476176)	4
29 (21493241)	4
27 (24847947)	3
14 (28891424)	4
19 ()	4
26 (25978199)	4
30 (25630849)	3
31 (25944574)	3
28 (27542075)	4

CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	3	3	8	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	1
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CT neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	1	9	1	4	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
32 (23449649)	4
20 (25476177)	4
25 (25476176)	4
29 (21493241)	4
27 (24847947)	3

14 (28891424)	4
19 ()	4
26 (25978199)	4
30 (25630849)	3
31 (25944574)	3
28 (27542075)	4

MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	1
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	4	0	3	0	1	0	0
FDG-PET/MRI skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv		2	2	8	3	3	1	2	0	1	0	0
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	1

**Variant 2: Pulsatile neck mass(es). Not parotid region or thyroid. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations									
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
CT neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	10	
		References	Study Quality													
		32 (23449649)														
		33 ()														
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	6	5	

MRI neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8	7
		References	Study Quality												
		59 (25476181)	4												
		60 (18339724)	2												
		61 (25410709)	2												
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	1	0	2	2	6	4	2
		References	Study Quality												
		62 (23928233)	3												
MRI neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	3	5	6	2	1	0
		References	Study Quality												
		59 (25476181)	4												
		60 (18339724)	2												
		61 (25410709)	2												
US neck	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	2	3	6	3	3	1
		References	Study Quality												
		59 (25476181)	4												
CT neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	2	2	2	7	3	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		32 (23449649)	4												
		33 ()	4												
MRA neck without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	3	10	5	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		62 (23928233)	3												



74 (18581165)	3
73 (25476182)	4
75 (17399933)	2
76 (17414771)	3

MRI neck without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	5	10
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References	Study Quality
77 (19629770)	2
78 (27093072)	4
74 (18581165)	3
79 (21724574)	2
80 (24948426)	3
81 (28074380)	3
82 (29101981)	4
83 (17502260)	2
84 (18504743)	3
85 (17213436)	3
86 (23703801)	3
87 (19131405)	2

US neck	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	0	4	2	6	3	2
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References	Study Quality
71 (23238699)	3
89 (24263755)	4
90 (28612315)	3
91 (19862655)	3
92 (25339101)	3
93 (25262550)	3
94 (23625388)	3
77 (19629770)	2





			75 (17399933)		2											
			76 (17414771)		3											
Fluoroscopy sialography parotid	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	Varies	Varies	5	5	2	1	1	6	5	2	1	0	0	
CT neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	9	0	5	0	1	0	0	
			References		Study Quality											
			32 (23449649)		4											
			20 (25476177)		4											
			74 (18581165)		3											
			73 (25476182)		4											
			75 (17399933)		2											
			76 (17414771)		3											
CT neck with parotid sialography	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv		3	3	5	2	5	2	2	0	2	0	0	
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	
MRA neck without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	6	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	
MRA neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	7	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	0	
FDG-PET/MRI skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv		2	2	9	3	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	





		59 (25476181)		4												
CTA neck with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	5	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
CT neck without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	6	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
		References		Study Quality												
		32 (23449649)		4												
		20 (25476177)		4												
		96 (25171800)		3												
		29 (21493241)		4												
		21 (24249813)		3												
		33 ()		4												
Arteriography cervicocerebral	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	14	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
FDG-PET/MRI skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv		1	1	14	2	2	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.).

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