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## **Thoracic Outlet Syndrome**

Variant 1: Neurogenic thoracic outlet syndrome. Initial imaging and follow-up imaging after surgery or intervention.

	Appropriateness	opriateness SOE Adults RRL Peds RRL Rating Media							F	inal	Tabu	latio	ns		
Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI chest without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	1	0	0	1	4	0	13	3	0
		References		Study	Quality		-								
		16 (22782291)			4										
MRI chest without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	1	11	6	1
		References		Study	Quality		•		•	•			•		
		16 (22782291)			4										
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate	Limited	<b>≎</b> <0.1 mSv		7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	7	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		26 (21129894)			4										
		20 (22140211)			4										
		25 (22544354)			4										
		27 (19010280)			4										
		23 (23446121)			4										
		24 (22542345)			4										
CTA chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	7	14	1	0	0	0

CT chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	��⊕ 1-10 mSv	<b>≎≎≎≎</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	2	3	7	6	2	2	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		20 (22140211)			4										
		12 (10864068)			3										
		13 (10845503)			3										
		21 (22790240)			4										
		22 (22931987)			4										
US duplex Doppler subclavian artery and vein	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	1	2	10	6	3	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		29 (12917117)			4										
		30 (19440705)			4										
		28 (16439785)			3										
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	<b>999</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	11	3	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality		•								
		20 (22140211)		_	4										
		12 (10864068)			3										
		13 (10845503)			3										
		21 (22790240)			4										
		22 (22931987)			4										
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	<b>999</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	5	7	3	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		20 (22140211)			4										
		12 (10864068)			3										
		13 (10845503)			3										
		21 (22790240)			4										
		22 (22931987)			4										

CTV chest with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	���� 10-30 mSv		3	3	6	4	3	3	6	0	0	0	0
MRA chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	3	13	0	0	0	0	0	0
MRA chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	9	3	2	1	0	0	0
MRV chest without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	4	7	0	1	0	1	0	0
MRV chest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	7	0	2	0	1	0	0
Catheter venography upper extremity	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv		2	2	11	4	5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Arteriography upper extremity	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>⊕</b> <0.1 mSv		1	1	12	3	3	3	0	0	0	1	0

Variant 2: Venous thoracic outlet syndrome. Initial imaging and follow-up imaging after surgery or intervention.

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Procedure	Procedure Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US duplex Doppler subclavian artery and vein	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	6	8

References	Study Quality
5 (11221942)	4
37 (11707008)	3
38 (17928256)	4
28 (16439785)	3
39 (19161749)	3
40 (11444739)	4

Catheter venography upper extremity	Usually appropriate	Strong	��� 1-10 mSv	)	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	9	2
		References		Study	y Quality										
		31 (22156150)			2										
		32 (29112470)			2										
		33 (30217714)			3										
CT chest with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	9	7	7	0	0	1	1	3	5	7	5	0
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate	Limited	<b>≎</b> <0.1 mS		7	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	10	9	0
		References		Study	y Quality			•		•					
		26 (21129894)			4										
		20 (22140211)			4										
		25 (22544354)			4										
		23 (23446121)			4										
		24 (22542345)			4										
CTV chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	���� 10-3 mSv	30	6	6	0	0	0	0	4	8	6	3	1
MRI chest without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	0	9	5	7	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		17 (12637678)			3										
MRV chest without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	0	2	10	5	3	1
MRA chest without IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)	Expert Opinion	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	2	2	3	3	8	3	1	0	0
		References			y Quality										
		19 (22528911)			3										

MRA chest without and with IV contrast	May t appropr		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	2	5	10	4	1	0	0
			References		Study	Quality										
			19 (22528911)			3										
MRI chest without IV contrast		May be appropriate Limit		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	6	8	5	1	0	0
		Reference			Study	Quality										
			17 (12637678)			3										
MRV chest without IV contrast	May l appropr		Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	3	1	10	6	1	0	0
CT chest without IV contrast	May t		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	4	4	5	1	3	3	8	2	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually appropr		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	7	3	9	2	0	0	1	0	0
CTA chest with IV contrast	Usually appropr		Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arteriography upper extremity	Usually appropr		Expert Consensus	<b>⊕</b> <0.1 mS	v	2	2	10	3	5	1	2	1	0	0	0

Variant 3: Arterial thoracic outlet syndrome. Initial imaging and follow-up imaging after surgery or intervention.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA chest with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	<b>≎≎≎</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	1	0	1	8	7	4

References	Study Quality
12 (10864068)	3
13 (10845503)	3

		44 (45504004)													
		41 (17704334)			4										
		1 (17102047)			4					1	I				
MRA chest without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	1	0	1	0	2	7	4	7
		References		Study	Quality										
		42 (22127993)			4										
		36 (15208064)			3										
		35 (24840478)			2										
		34 (25348136)			3										
Radiography chest	Usually appropriate	Limited	<b></b> <0.1 mSv		8	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	7	12	1
		References		Study	Quality										
		26 (21129894)			4										
		20 (22140211)			4										
		25 (22544354)			4										
		23 (23446121)			4										
		24 (22542345)			4										
US duplex Doppler subclavian artery and vein	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	13	4
		References		Study	Quality										
		28 (16439785)			3										
Arteriography upper extremity	Usually appropriate	Expert Consensus	<b>≎</b> <0.1 mSv		7	7	1	0	0	0	2	5	7	7	0
CT chest with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	<b>999</b> 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	6	6	1	0	1	4	5	1	9	1	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		13 (10845503)			3										
MRI chest without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	10	4	4	3	0

MRA chest without IV contrast	May approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	1	2	12	4	1	0	1
		References			Study	Quality										
		42 (22127993)				4										
		36 (15208064)				3										
		35 (24840478)				2										
		34 (25348136)				3										
MRI chest without IV contrast	May approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	2	5	9	3	2	0	0
CT chest without IV contrast	May approp	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	<b>≎≎≎≎</b> 3- 10 mSv [ped]	4	4	2	2	5	6	6	1	0	0	0
	•	References			Study	Quality										
		13 (10845503)				3										
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usuall: approp	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	3	7	4	2	0	0	0	0
		References			Study	Quality		•	•	•	•	•		•	•	
		13 (10845503)				3										
CTV chest with IV contrast	Usualli approp	Expert Consensus	���� 10- mSv	30		2	2	7	5	7	0	2	0	0	0	0
MRV chest without IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	10	4	5	1	2	0	0	0	0
MRV chest without and with IV contrast	Usualli approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	,	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	4	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
Catheter venography upper extremity	Usualli approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0		2	2	9	4	5	3	0	0	0	0	1

## **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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