



9 (16493917)	4
10 (1732293)	2
11 (1740701)	4
12 (9084078)	4
13 (18316353)	3

Radiography pelvis	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	2	4	1	5	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
9 (16493917)	4
10 (1732293)	2
11 (1740701)	4
12 (9084078)	4
13 (18316353)	3

Radiography lumbar spine	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	2	5	3	4	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
9 (16493917)	4
10 (1732293)	2
11 (1740701)	4
12 (9084078)	4
13 (18316353)	3

US hips	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	6	3	1	1	0	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
14 (18492916)	4
15 (11281633)	4

US lower extremity	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
14 (18492916)	4



CT lower extremity without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		18 (15046440)		3												
CT lower extremity with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		18 (15046440)		3												
MRI lower extremity without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		19 (22528893)		4												
MRI lower extremity without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality												
		19 (22528893)		4												

**Variant 2: Child up to age 5. Acute limp. Pain. Localized symptoms. No concern for infection. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Radiography lower extremity area of interest	Usually appropriate	Limited		⊗⊗ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	15
		References		Study Quality											
		12 (9084078)		4											
		26 (26554284)		4											
		27 (11242240)		4											
		28 (2898538)		4											



CT lower extremity area of interest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	1	1	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		18 (15046440)	3												
MRI lower extremity area of interest without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	3	0	1	1	2	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		6 (17566800)	4												
		34 (16741713)	4												
		35 (24609825)	4												
		36 (22764042)	4												
		37 (19995859)	2												
		38 (26122807)	4												
Tc-99m 3-phase bone scan whole-body	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus		☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Variant 3: Child up to age 5. Acute limp. Nonlocalized symptoms. Concern for infection. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI lower extremity without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		39 (18560822)	2												
		40 (17314640)	3												
		41 (19858750)	4												
		42 (16474970)	4												
		43 (-3091625)	4												
		44 (18209613)	4												
		45 (19850805)	4												

46 (12357025)	4
47 (27408498)	4
48 (23230243)	4
49 (23478935)	4
50 (19380545)	3
51 (20180105)	3
52 (22194497)	2

MRI lower extremity without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
39 (18560822)	2
40 (17314640)	3
41 (19858750)	4
42 (16474970)	4
43 (-3091625)	4
44 (18209613)	4
45 (19850805)	4
46 (12357025)	4
47 (27408498)	4
48 (23230243)	4
49 (23478935)	4
50 (19380545)	3
51 (20180105)	3
52 (22194497)	2

US hips	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	4	6	1	4	1
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References	Study Quality
14 (18492916)	4
15 (11281633)	4

Tc-99m 3-phase bone scan whole-body	May be appropriate	Limited		☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	1	3	8	4	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
16 (17885058)	3
17 (19958848)	4
39 (18560822)	2
40 (17314640)	3
41 (19858750)	4

MRI whole body without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	1	0	2	9	2	0	1	0
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References	Study Quality
22 (15243716)	3
42 (16474970)	4
43 (-3091625)	4
53 (18799279)	4
54 (20304319)	4
55 (27043465)	4

MRI whole body without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	1	1	11	1	0	1	0
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References	Study Quality
22 (15243716)	3
42 (16474970)	4
43 (-3091625)	4
53 (18799279)	4
54 (20304319)	4
55 (27043465)	4

Radiography lumbar spine	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	3	5	2	2	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
39 (18560822)	2
40 (17314640)	3



CT lower extremity without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT lower extremity with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Variant 4: Child up to age 5. Acute limp. Symptoms localized to the hip. Concern for infection. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US hips	Usually appropriate	Limited	○ ○ mSv	○ ○ mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	10

References	Study Quality
57 (16757758)	3
59 (25588046)	4
60 (25560622)	4
61 (15118038)	4
62 (11961445)	4

MRI pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	○ ○ mSv	○ ○ mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	6	3
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References	Study Quality
40 (17314640)	3
41 (19858750)	4
50 (19380545)	3
51 (20180105)	3
56 (28170361)	4
67 (26001240)	4
68 (12368368)	4
69 (21129563)	4
70 (22268189)	3

		71 (17019590)			4														
MRI pelvis without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	4	2				
		References			Study Quality														
		40 (17314640)			3														
		41 (19858750)			4														
		50 (19380545)			3														
		51 (20180105)			3														
		56 (28170361)			4														
		67 (26001240)			4														
		68 (12368368)			4														
		69 (21129563)			4														
		70 (22268189)			3														
		71 (17019590)			4														
Radiography pelvis	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	4	4	2	2	1	5	5	1	0	0	0				
		References			Study Quality														
		58 (6739205)			4														
Tc-99m 3-phase bone scan whole-body	May be appropriate	Limited		☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv	4	4	3	0	4	3	4	2	0	0	0				
		References			Study Quality														
		40 (17314640)			3														
CT pelvis with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	3	2	1	5	0	0	0	0				
		References			Study Quality														
		63 (17127204)			4														
		64 (20567730)			4														
		65 (16264122)			Inadequate														
		66 (18690452)			4														

Radiography lumbar spine	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	0	2	3	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		58 (6739205)	4												
CT pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		63 (17127204)	4												
		64 (20567730)	4												
		65 (16264122)	Inadequate												
		66 (18690452)	4												
CT pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		63 (17127204)	4												
		64 (20567730)	4												
		65 (16264122)	Inadequate												
		66 (18690452)	4												

**Variant 5: Child up to age 5. Acute limp. Symptoms localized to lower extremity (not pelvis or hips). Concern for infection. Initial imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI lower extremity area of interest (not pelvis or hip) without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	6	5
		References	Study Quality												
		41 (19858750)	4												
		43 (-3091625)	4												
		50 (19380545)	3												



		54 (20304319)			4													
MRI whole body without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	4	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References			Study Quality													
		22 (15243716)			3													
		53 (18799279)			4													
		54 (20304319)			4													
CT lower extremity area of interest (not pelvis or hip) with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	3	3	5	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References			Study Quality													
		63 (17127204)			4													
		64 (20567730)			4													
		65 (16264122)			Inadequate													
		66 (18690452)			4													
Tc-99m 3-phase bone scan whole-body	Usually not appropriate	Limited		☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	4	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References			Study Quality													
		39 (18560822)			2													
		41 (19858750)			4													
CT lower extremity area of interest (not pelvis or hip) without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	1	1	10	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References			Study Quality													
		64 (20567730)			4													
		65 (16264122)			Inadequate													
		66 (18690452)			4													
CT lower extremity area of interest (not pelvis or hip) without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies	Varies	1	1	11	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References			Study Quality													
		63 (17127204)			4													
		64 (20567730)			4													

65 (16264122)	Inadequate
66 (18690452)	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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