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Nuchal Translucency Evaluation at 11 to 14 Weeks Gestational Age

Variant 1: Routine nuchal translucency measurement at 11 to 14 weeks of gestation for single or twin gestations. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10

References	Study Quality
21 (28108156)	4
18 (25813012)	4
17 (28295158)	Good
12 (21210475)	4
2 (27101120)	4
27 (14634564)	Good
26 (24201688)	Inadequate
25 (25689240)	4
24 (16282175)	3
23 (11981911)	4
22 (16055577)	4
5 (1392745)	4

US pregnant uterus transvaginal	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	2	0

References	Study Quality
65 (18558475)	3
30 (15572480)	4

		29 (7640926)	3												
		28 (12389656)	4												
		5 (1392745)	4												
US duplex Doppler pregnant uterus	Usually not appropriate	Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	7	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
		References	Study Quality												
		19 (-3112890)	4												
		17 (28295158)	Good												
		2 (27101120)	4												
US echocardiography fetal	Usually not appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		20 (23716531)	4												

Variant 2: Increased nuchal translucency measurement at 11 to 14 weeks of gestation for single gestation.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	8
		References	Study Quality												
		46 (28133835)	4												
		45 (27875472)	4												
		2 (27101120)	4												
		21 (28108156)	4												
		48 (25900824)	4												
		47 (28569377)	4												
		17 (28295158)	Good												
		31 (20638573)	4												
		49 (18512854)	4												

US echocardiography fetal	Usually appropriate	Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	6
US duplex Doppler pregnant uterus	May be appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	6	0	1	2

References	Study Quality
26 (24201688)	Inadequate
50 (19155913)	4
24 (16282175)	3
22 (16055577)	4
20 (23716531)	4
19 (-3112890)	4
23 (11981911)	4

References	Study Quality
44 (25258423)	Good
43 (17267839)	4
42 (25052917)	4
41 (23751926)	4
40 (12636327)	4
39 (21210483)	4
38 (28385862)	4
26 (24201688)	Inadequate
20 (23716531)	4
2 (27101120)	4

References	Study Quality
33 (28482343)	Good
32 (19031473)	4
31 (20638573)	4
17 (28295158)	Good
37 (21606749)	4
36 (18307193)	4
35 (11339183)	4
34 (19338027)	4

		19 (-3112890)		4											
US pregnant uterus transvaginal	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	5	1	1	1
		References		Study Quality											
		29 (7640926)		3											

Variant 3: Increased nuchal translucency in dichorionic twins at 11 to 14 weeks of gestation.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8
		References		Study Quality											
		58 (18771984)		4											
		57 (27101119)		4											
		56 (20033999)		3											
		55 (24339187)		4											
		54 (24916689)		Inadequate											
		53 (15644291)		4											
		45 (27875472)		4											
		2 (27101120)		4											
		60 (27661652)		4											
		59 (24176159)		4											
US echocardiography fetal	Usually appropriate	Moderate	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	6
		References		Study Quality											
		44 (25258423)		Good											
		26 (24201688)		Inadequate											
		20 (23716531)		4											

US duplex Doppler pregnant uterus	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	4	0	2	2

References	Study Quality
52 (12798478)	3
51 (20571255)	4

US pregnant uterus transvaginal	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	1	1

References	Study Quality
29 (7640926)	3

Variant 4: Increased nuchal translucency in monochorionic twins at 11 to 14 weeks of gestation.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
US pregnant uterus transabdominal	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8

References	Study Quality
69 (17444560)	3
68 (27270878)	Good
67 (18539256)	3
66 (10967005)	3
58 (18771984)	4
54 (24916689)	Inadequate
53 (15644291)	4
11 (8863698)	4
71 (29763608)	Good
70 (29101986)	4
64 (23200164)	4
45 (27875472)	4

US echocardiography fetal	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	6

References	Study Quality
64 (23200164)	4
63 (18377515)	4
59 (24176159)	4
20 (23716531)	4

US duplex Doppler pregnant uterus	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	1	4	1	2	2

References	Study Quality
62 (20069677)	4
61 (19305331)	4
45 (27875472)	4

US pregnant uterus transvaginal	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	1	1

References	Study Quality
29 (7640926)	3

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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