**American College of Radiology**
**ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**

**Pancreatic Cyst**

**Variant 1:** Incidentally detected pancreatic cyst less than or equal to 2.5 cm in size. Initial evaluation.

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Variant 4: Incidentally detected main pancreatic duct dilation greater than 7 mm in size. Suspected main duct intraductal papillary mucinous neoplasm (IPMN). Initial evaluation.
| MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast with MRCP | Usually appropriate | Limited | 0 mSv | 0 mSv [ped] | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 6 |
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| MRI abdomen without IV contrast with MRCP       | Usually appropriate | Limited | 0 mSv | 0 mSv [ped] | 7 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
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| CT abdomen with IV contrast multiphase          | May be appropriate  | Limited | 10-30 mSv | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
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| CT abdomen without and with IV contrast | Usually not appropriate | Limited | 10-30 mSv | 10-30 mSv [ped] | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
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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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