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ACR Appropriateness Criteria®**

Crohn Disease-Child

Variant 1: Child. Suspected Crohn disease, no prior Crohn diagnosis. Initial imaging.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MR enterography	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	14
			References	Study Quality											
			7 (27229500)	4											
			16 (28470387)	3											
			23 (30078049)	4											
			17 (21701034)	1											
			15 (29319414)	4											
			29 (29504171)	2											
			28 (30899973)	2											
			27 (22520509)	2											
			26 (25341168)	2											
			25 (21785852)	3											
			24 (22915428)	3											
			1 (22997386)	4											
			30 (23212595)	3											
CT enterography	Usually appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	7	5
			References	Study Quality											
			11 (23361877)	2											

14 (24912799)	Good
16 (28470387)	3
10 (27229508)	4
12 (19542402)	2
13 (19276325)	1
15 (29319414)	4
1 (22997386)	4

MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	1	0	0	1	1	6	4	5	0
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References	Study Quality
7 (27229500)	4
16 (28470387)	3
31 (25592192)	2

CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	0	5	5	5	2	0
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References	Study Quality
17 (21701034)	1
1 (22997386)	4

Fluoroscopy upper GI series with small bowel follow-through	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	1	13	3	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
22 (22588598)	3
21 (30150041)	4
2 (23583097)	4

MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	4	10	2	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
7 (27229500)	4
16 (28470387)	3
31 (25592192)	2

US abdomen	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	0	15	1	1	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		33 (23921767)	Good												
		38 (25115363)	2												
		37 (27495028)	Good												
		35 (26700349)	2												
		36 (28434027)	2												
		34 (28302273)	3												
		21 (30150041)	4												
		32 (26164439)	4												
		2 (23583097)	4												
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	4	4	2	1	1	0	1	0
		References	Study Quality												
		17 (21701034)	1												
		1 (22997386)	4												
US abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	4	5	7	0	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		40 (22157203)	2												
		41 (25619783)	Good												
		43 (26700336)	2												
		42 (26507861)	Good												
		39 (22698508)	2												
		44 (29718309)	2												
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	5	1	1	3	1	1	0	0
		References	Study Quality												

17 (21701034)	1
1 (22997386)	4
24 (22915428)	3
27 (22520509)	2
26 (25341168)	2
7 (27229500)	4
16 (28470387)	3
23 (30078049)	4
29 (29504171)	2
28 (30899973)	2
30 (23212595)	3
15 (29319414)	4

CT enterography	Usually appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	9	2
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References	Study Quality
1 (22997386)	4
11 (23361877)	2
14 (24912799)	Good
16 (28470387)	3
10 (27229508)	4
12 (19542402)	2
13 (19276325)	1
15 (29319414)	4

CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	3	3	7	4	1
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References	Study Quality
1 (22997386)	4
17 (21701034)	1

MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	1	3	4	4	6	0
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References	Study Quality
7 (27229500)	4
16 (28470387)	3
31 (25592192)	2

Fluoroscopy upper GI series with small bowel follow-through	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	3	11	3	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
22 (22588598)	3
2 (23583097)	4
21 (30150041)	4

MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	3	10	2	2	0	0
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References	Study Quality
7 (27229500)	4
16 (28470387)	3
31 (25592192)	2

US abdomen	May be appropriate	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	2	13	2	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
33 (23921767)	Good
32 (26164439)	4
35 (26700349)	2
36 (28434027)	2
34 (28302273)	3
21 (30150041)	4

Radiography abdomen	May be appropriate	Limited	☼☼ 0.1-1mSv	☼☼ 0.03-0.3 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	3	13	1	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
47 (22749384)	3

CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	4	2	3	3	2	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		1 (22997386)		4											
		17 (21701034)		1											
Fluoroscopy contrast enema	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	4	3	2	3	1	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		20 (23789685)		3											
		2 (23583097)		4											
		21 (30150041)		4											
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0
		References		Study Quality											
		1 (22997386)		4											
		17 (21701034)		1											
WBC scan whole body	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	7	1	0	0	1	1	0	0
US abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	2	10	4	1	0	0	0	0	0

Variant 3: Child. Known Crohn disease, disease surveillance or monitoring therapy.

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations									
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
MR enterography	Usually	Strong	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations												
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
	appropriate			[ped]															

References	Study Quality
25 (21785852)	3
17 (21701034)	1
24 (22915428)	3
27 (22520509)	2
26 (25341168)	2
7 (27229500)	4
53 (26638000)	2
16 (28470387)	3
23 (30078049)	4
29 (29504171)	2
28 (30899973)	2
15 (29319414)	4
30 (23212595)	3
51 (27351067)	2
50 (24177375)	3
52 (31145502)	2
54 (31365485)	2

CT enterography	Usually appropriate	Strong	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4	2
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References	Study Quality
1 (22997386)	4
11 (23361877)	2
14 (24912799)	Good
16 (28470387)	3
10 (27229508)	4
12 (19542402)	2

55 (26080794)	Good
56 (26718197)	2
35 (26700349)	2
36 (28434027)	2
34 (28302273)	3
21 (30150041)	4

US abdomen with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	1	6	7	2	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
39 (22698508)	2
40 (22157203)	2
41 (25619783)	Good
43 (26700336)	2
42 (26507861)	Good
44 (29718309)	2

FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-high	May be appropriate	Moderate	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	0	1	9	7	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
18 (22960135)	Good
19 (23519750)	3
48 (32145886)	4
49 (16043988)	2

Fluoroscopy contrast enema	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	2	4	4	1	2	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
2 (23583097)	4
21 (30150041)	4

CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	6	2	2	2	2	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
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MRI pelvis with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	5	5
		References	Study Quality												
		57 (22513437)	Good												
		5 (25246189)	4												
		59 (24121148)	3												
		6 (27229501)	4												
		58 (29135086)	3												
MRI pelvis without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	0	5	7	4	1	0
		References	Study Quality												
		5 (25246189)	4												
		6 (27229501)	4												
		59 (24121148)	3												
		58 (29135086)	3												
		57 (22513437)	Good												
CT pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	3	11	2	1	0	0
US pelvis transperineal	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	2	3	8	6	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		63 (24193154)	3												
		62 (27629757)	2												
		61 (28399604)	4												
		60 (28953535)	2												
CT pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹ 1-10 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☹☹☹☹ 10-30 mSv	☹☹☹☹ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Fluoroscopy contrast enema	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	7	1	0	0	0	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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