



MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	4	0	0	1	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		4 (8495301)	4												
		5 (1745970)	4												
		6 (18430826)	4												
CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		4 (8495301)	4												
		5 (1745970)	4												
		6 (18430826)	4												
Image-guided biopsy adrenal gland	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies		1	1	15	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		27 (9167965)	4												
		28 (10732267)	4												
		29 (10690869)	4												
		30 (9267279)	3												
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		4 (8495301)	4												
		5 (1745970)	4												
		6 (18430826)	4												
		26 (15585482)	3												
		25 (21330566)	Good												

**Variant 2: Indeterminate adrenal mass, 1 to 2 cm on initial imaging. No diagnostic benign imaging features. No history of malignancy. Follow-up imaging in 12 months.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT abdomen without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	0	2	6	4	5	1

References	Study Quality
43 (24647823)	2
34 (9648789)	4
36 (14975968)	4
35 (2014283)	2
37 (9490968)	3
40 (9275981)	4
38 (11044054)	4
39 (14628882)	3
41 (9577483)	2
42 (17517932)	2

CT abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	4	6	8	1
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References	Study Quality
43 (24647823)	2
34 (9648789)	4
36 (14975968)	4
35 (2014283)	2
37 (9490968)	3
40 (9275981)	4
38 (11044054)	4
39 (14628882)	3
41 (9577483)	2
42 (17517932)	2

MRI abdomen without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	0	2	5	3	6	0
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References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
54 (7484585)	4
58 (17056891)	4
61 (20093571)	3
62 (19097108)	3
20 (26233268)	2
18 (24951201)	3
19 (17466481)	3

MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	2	3	10	2	1	0
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References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
54 (7484585)	4
55 (7645474)	2

58 (17056891)	4
61 (20093571)	3
62 (19097108)	3
20 (26233268)	2
18 (24951201)	3
19 (17466481)	3

CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	5	2	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
43 (24647823)	2
34 (9648789)	4
36 (14975968)	4
35 (2014283)	2
37 (9490968)	3
40 (9275981)	4
38 (11044054)	4
39 (14628882)	3
41 (9577483)	2
42 (17517932)	2

Image-guided biopsy adrenal gland	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies		1	1	12	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
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References	Study Quality
46 (8497619)	3
7 (3871150)	4
47 (1910990)	4
27 (9167965)	4
45 (1643776)	4
28 (10732267)	4
29 (10690869)	4
30 (9267279)	3
48 (19451490)	4



MRI abdomen without IV contrast	Usually appropriate	42 (17517932)	2										
		Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	1	1	5	5

References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
54 (7484585)	4
55 (7645474)	2
58 (17056891)	4
61 (20093571)	3
62 (19097108)	3

MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	1	0	1	1	6	5	2
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References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
54 (7484585)	4
55 (7645474)	2
58 (17056891)	4

			61 (20093571)		3													
			62 (19097108)		3													
CT abdomen without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	1	0	0	2	7	2	7	0			
			References		Study Quality													
			43 (24647823)		2													
			34 (9648789)		4													
			36 (14975968)		4													
			35 (2014283)		2													
			37 (9490968)		3													
			40 (9275981)		4													
			38 (11044054)		4													
			39 (14628882)		3													
			41 (9577483)		2													
			42 (17517932)		2													
CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	6	2	1	0	1	0	0			
			References		Study Quality													
			43 (24647823)		2													
			34 (9648789)		4													
			36 (14975968)		4													
			35 (2014283)		2													
			37 (9490968)		3													
			40 (9275981)		4													
			38 (11044054)		4													
			39 (14628882)		3													
			41 (9577483)		2													
			42 (17517932)		2													
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Moderate	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0			



References	Study Quality
4 (8495301)	4
64 (15181132)	4
5 (1745970)	4
6 (18430826)	4
26 (15585482)	3
21 (16391184)	3
44 (18566816)	2
65 (15197504)	3
25 (21330566)	Good

Image-guided biopsy adrenal gland	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies		1	1	9	5	2	0	0	0	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
46 (8497619)	3
7 (3871150)	4
47 (1910990)	4
27 (9167965)	4
45 (1643776)	4
28 (10732267)	4
29 (10690869)	4
30 (9267279)	3
48 (19451490)	4
49 (24836548)	3

**Variant 4: Indeterminate adrenal mass, greater than or equal to 4 cm on initial imaging. No diagnostic benign imaging features. No history of malignancy. Adrenal specific imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30	3	3	1	3	13	1	0	0	1	0	0

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations												
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9				
				mSv [ped]															
		References		Study Quality															
		27 (9167965)		4															
		28 (10732267)		4															
		29 (10690869)		4															
		30 (9267279)		3															
Image-guided biopsy adrenal gland	Usually not appropriate	Limited	Varies		3	3	6	2	6	2	0	0	0	1	0				
		References		Study Quality															
		46 (8497619)		3															
		7 (3871150)		4															
		47 (1910990)		4															
		27 (9167965)		4															
		45 (1643776)		4															
		28 (10732267)		4															
		29 (10690869)		4															
		30 (9267279)		3															
		48 (19451490)		4															
		49 (24836548)		3															
MRI abdomen without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	6	2	3	4	0	0	1	1	0				
		References		Study Quality															
		27 (9167965)		4															
		28 (10732267)		4															
		29 (10690869)		4															
		30 (9267279)		3															
MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	3	4	1	2	0	0	0				

		References	Study Quality												
		27 (9167965)	4												
		28 (10732267)	4												
		29 (10690869)	4												
		30 (9267279)	3												
CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	2	5	1	0	1	1	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		27 (9167965)	4												
		28 (10732267)	4												
		29 (10690869)	4												
		30 (9267279)	3												
CT abdomen without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	2	3	3	1	0	0	1	0
		References	Study Quality												
		27 (9167965)	4												
		28 (10732267)	4												
		29 (10690869)	4												
		30 (9267279)	3												
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate	Limited	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	3	4	2	2	0	0	0	0
		References	Study Quality												
		64 (15181132)	4												
		21 (16391184)	3												
		44 (18566816)	2												
		65 (15197504)	3												

**Variant 5: Adrenal mass, less than 4 cm on initial imaging. No diagnostic benign imaging features. History of malignancy. Adrenal specific imaging.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	8	7

References	Study Quality
43 (24647823)	2
34 (9648789)	4
36 (14975968)	4
35 (2014283)	2
37 (9490968)	3
40 (9275981)	4
38 (11044054)	4
39 (14628882)	3
41 (9577483)	2
42 (17517932)	2

MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	1	0	0	3	2	6	5	2
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References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
58 (17056891)	4
61 (20093571)	3
62 (19097108)	3
83 (10652932)	4



7 (3871150)	4
47 (1910990)	4
81 (15039183)	4
45 (1643776)	4
48 (19451490)	4
49 (24836548)	3

MRI abdomen without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	0 0 mSv	0 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	3	13	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
57 (11441561)	4
50 (2773732)	4
59 (15118113)	3
60 (14994299)	4
51 (1410337)	4
52 (8430178)	3
53 (7785642)	3
56 (12760936)	3
58 (17056891)	4
61 (20093571)	3
62 (19097108)	3
83 (10652932)	4
82 (9314970)	3

CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Strong	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	4	3	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
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References	Study Quality
43 (24647823)	2
34 (9648789)	4
36 (14975968)	4
35 (2014283)	2
37 (9490968)	3
40 (9275981)	4



48 (19451490)	4
49 (24836548)	3

CT abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	4	9	1	0	0	1	1	0
MRI abdomen without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	6	8	1	0	0	0	1	0
CT abdomen with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	3	0	1	1	0	0	0
CT abdomen without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	2	2	6	3	3	3	0	1	1	0	0
MRI abdomen without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	3	8	7	0	0	0	1	0	0



## **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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