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**Post-treatment Follow-up of Prostate Cancer**

**Variant 1: Prostate cancer follow-up. Status post radical prostatectomy. Clinical concern for residual or recurrent disease.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	9	2
C-11 choline PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv		8	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	8	1
F-18 fluciclovine PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		⊕⊕⊕⊕ 10-30 mSv		7	7	0	0	1	1	0	4	3	4	2
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate		⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	6	7	0	0	1
MRI-targeted biopsy prostate	May be appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	1	1	3	9	2	0	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	3	0	1	7	0	5	0	2	0	0
Tc-99m bone scan whole body	May be appropriate		⊕⊕⊕ 1-10 mSv	⊕⊕⊕⊕ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	0	1	9	0	0	3	1
TRUS guided biopsy prostate	May be appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	0	6	3	1	3	0	1
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	7	2	3	0	0	0	0

FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	5	2	3	1	1	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	5	5	4	0	0	0	0	0
MRI pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	5	4	2	1	0	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		3	3	0	4	4	2	2	1	0	1	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		2	2	2	10	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		2	2	4	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Radiography skeletal survey	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRUS prostate	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0

**Variant 2: Prostate cancer follow-up. Clinical concern for residual or recurrent disease after nonsurgical local and pelvic treatments.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
MRI pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	8	3
C-11 choline PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv		8	8	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	9	1

TRUS guided biopsy prostate	Usually appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	1	2	1	3	7	1	0
F-18 fluciclovine PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv		7	7	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	6	1
MRI-targeted biopsy prostate	Usually appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	4	1	7	2	0
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate		⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	1	1	6	6	1	0	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate (Disagreement)		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	5	4	0	0	4	4	5	0	2	0	0
Tc-99m bone scan whole body	May be appropriate (Disagreement)		⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	5	5	1	0	2	0	7	2	0	3	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	0	3	9	1	2	0	0	0	0
FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually not appropriate		⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	6	2	3	0	1	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		⊗⊗⊗ 1-10 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	0
MRI pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	1	7	2	4	0	0	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv		3	3	1	3	4	2	2	1	0	1	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv	⊗⊗⊗⊗⊗ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	5	3	3	2	0	1	1	0	0
TRUS prostate	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	7	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	0

CT chest abdomen pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		2	2	3	9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		2	2	4	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radiography skeletal survey	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

**Variant 3: Metastatic prostate cancer treated by systemic therapy (androgen deprivation therapy [ADT], chemotherapy, immunotherapy). Follow-up.**

Procedure	Appropriateness Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	Final Tabulations								
							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT abdomen and pelvis with IV contrast	Usually appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	5	3
Tc-99m bone scan whole body	Usually appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	7	4
C-11 choline PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv		7	7	0	0	0	0	4	1	6	3	1
F-18 fluciclovine PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	Usually appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		7	7	1	0	0	0	1	5	3	4	1
MRI abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	6	6	0	0	0	1	2	7	4	1	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis with IV contrast	May be appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		6	6	0	0	1	1	3	3	1	4	1
MRI pelvis without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	1	3	3	6	2	0	0	0
MRI pelvis without IV contrast	May be appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	1	2	2	6	2	1	1	0	0

FDG-PET/CT skull base to mid-thigh	May be appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	0	1	7	2	4	1	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼☼ 3-10 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	5	5	2	2	0	0	0	0
MRI abdomen and pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	0	2	7	3	2	1	0	0	0
CT chest abdomen pelvis without IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		3	3	1	6	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
CT abdomen and pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv	☼☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv [ped]	2	2	2	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	1
CT chest abdomen pelvis without and with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼☼ 10-30 mSv		2	2	3	5	3	1	0	1	1	0	0
TRUS prostate	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Radiography skeletal survey	Usually not appropriate		☼☼☼ 1-10 mSv	☼☼☼ 0.3-3 mSv [ped]	1	1	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TRUS guided biopsy prostate	Usually not appropriate		○ 0 mSv	○ 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	9	3	3	0	0	0	0	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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