

CT & PET/CT Scheduling Guidelines

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Key:

W - With; WO - Without; WO&W - Without and With

CT & PET/CT scanners have low dose software which reduces body radiation by 40% and head dose by 30%.

Per ICD-10 requirements, please include as much specificity as possible when documenting the reason for the exam, including signs and symptoms.

CPT CODE	CHEST CT (x-ray is almost always required)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
71250	Nodules	Abnormal cxr, ancillary finding, f/u study	WO	No
71250	HRCT: Interstitial lung disease, i.e. asbestosis, sarcoidosis, TB	SOBOE, dry cough, Abnormal PFT	WO	No
71260	Suspected pulmonary embolus / Follow-up PE resolution	Chest pain, cough, ↑HR, SOB, dyspnea, Hemoptysis	W	No
71260	Persistent unresolved cough of at least 2 weeks w normal x ray	Cough	W	No
71260	Unresolved pneumonia documented after antibiotics (4 weeks)	Chest pain, cough	W	No
71260	Suspected/known tumor/mass – evaluation, staging, restaging, Abnormal chest xray	Weight loss, abnormal tumor marker, pain, f/u	W	No
71260	Unexplained abnormalities on chest x ray	Abnormal cxr, ancillary finding, f/u study	W	No
71260	Aortic Root Dilation	SOB, fatigue, weakness, fainting, Abn chest xray, FU eval	W	No
71270	Thoracic aneurysm, Other cardiac indications	Chest pain, SOB	WO&W	No
G0297	CT LUNG SCREENING	Asymptomatic, meets screening requirements	WO	No

CPT CODE	ABDOMEN CT (Superior to diaphragm to the level of the iliac bifurcation)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
74170	Adrenal mass	Adrenal mass unknown	WO&W	Yes
74150	Adenoma (known)	Adrenal mass diagnosis is established	WO	No
74160	Epigastric mass, GI Bleed	Upper abdominal pain, Heartburn, GERD	W	Yes
74170	Cirrhosis	Vomiting blood, jaundice, confusion, incr. LFTs	WO&W	Yes
74170	Renal Mass; Abn ancillary findings; Abn U/S	Blood in urine, LBP, unexplained weight loss	WO&W	Yes
74170	Hemangioma; ONLY if MRI cannot be performed	Abnormal LFTs, F/U liver mass	WO&W	Yes
74170	Patient has history of <i>partial</i> Nephrectomy-evaluating kidneys	Renal CA, polycystic kidney disease	WO&W	Yes

CPT CODE	PELVIS CT (Iliac crests to symphysis pubis)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
72192	Trauma	Pain	WO	No
72192	F/U Fracture	Pain	WO	No
72192	Abnormal xray	Pain	WO	No
72193	Pelvic mass, Inguinal hernia	Pain, Palpable mass	W	Yes

CPT CODE	ABDOMEN / PELVIS CT (Superior to diaphragm through the symphysis-pubis)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
74176	Suspected retroperitoneal hematoma/hemorrhage	Abdominal pain; hypotension, anemia	WO	No
74176	Suspected stone in kidneys, bladder and ureters	Abdominal pain; flank pain, hematuria	WO	No
74177	Clinical signs suggestive of diverticulitis, colitis, Crohn's, IBD	Abdominal pain, diarrhea	W	Yes
74177	Clinical signs suggestive of appendicitis	Abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, fever	W	Yes
74177	Lymphadenopathy, assessment of lymphomas	Swollen enlarged lymph nodes	W	Yes
74177	F/U of complication/medical treatment of abdominal/pelvic (bowel obstruction)	Abdominal pain, distension, vomiting, nausea	W	Yes
74178	Pancreatitis, suspected necrosis or pseudocyst	Severe abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting	WO&W	Yes
74178	Hematuria	Blood in urine	WO&W	Yes
74178	Hydronephrosis	Elevated creatinine, electrolyte imbalance	WO&W	Yes
74178	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (Stent Graph protocol)	Abdominal pain, rapid HR, abdominal rigidity	WO&W	No
74178	UROGRAM-NO oral-please indicate on the script	History of kidney stones, flank pain, hematuria	WO&W	No
74261	DIAGNOSTIC VIRTUAL COLONOSCOPY	Incomplete colonoscopy	WO	Yes

CPT CODE	EXTREMITIES CT	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
Upper:				
73200	Position of known fracture	Pain and swelling around area, loss of function	WO	No
73200	Joint	Arthritis, pain	WO	No
73201	Arthrogram	Pain, decreasing ROM	W	No
Lower:				
73700	Position of known fracture	Pain and swelling around area, loss of function	WO	No
73700	Joint	Pain	WO	No
73701	Arthrogram	Pain, "clicking"	W	No
77073	Leg Length Studies: Leg length discrepancy	Scoliosis, One leg is shorter, gait problems, pain in back/legs	WO	No
73701	Cellulitis	Swelling, Redness	W	No

CPT CODE	SPINE CT (Due to radiation exposure, levels must be indicated)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
Cervical C 1 - C 7				
72125	Fractures	Pain, trauma, fall, bruising and swelling	WO	No
72125	Scoliosis	Curving spine, shoulders/hips are uneven, LBP	WO	No
72126	Tumor: if MRI is contraindicated	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	W	No
72125	Tumor: if MRI was recently completed...eval for bone	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	WO	No
72125	Post-op Studies	Pain, f/u surgical eval	WO	No
Thoracic T 1 - T 12				
72128	Fractures	Pain, trauma, fall, bruising and swelling	WO	No
72128	Scoliosis	Curving spine, shoulders/hips are uneven, LBP	WO	No
72129	Tumor: if MRI is contraindicated	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	W	No
72128	Tumor: if MRI was recently completed...eval for bone	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	WO	No
72128	Post-op Studies	Pain, f/u surgical eval	WO	No
Lumbar L 1 - S 1				
72131	Fractures	Pain, trauma, fall, bruising and swelling	WO	No
72131	Scoliosis	Curving spine, shoulders/hips are uneven, LBP	WO	No
72132	Tumor: if MRI is contraindicated	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	W	No
72131	Tumor: if MRI was recently completed...eval for bone	Pain, weight loss, fatigue	WO	No
72131	Post-op Studies	Pain, f/u surgical eval	WO	No
CPT CODE	BRAIN / HEAD CT	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70450	Headache; new, sudden, severe	Headache	WO	No
70450	Stroke or TIA, ORDER MRI for ACUTE SYMPTOMS	Numbness, weakness, dizziness, trouble speaking	WO	No
70450	Visual Disturbance	As stated	WO	No
70450	Hydrocephalus i.e. shunt revision	Headache, vomiting, blurred vision	WO	No
70450	Trauma for depressed fracture	Pain at site	WO	No
70460	Headaches, Mass (MR is contraindicated)	Headaches	W	No
70470	Primary or metastatic tumor, new or follow up (MR is contraindicated)	Blurred vision, chronic headaches, R/O mets	WO&W	No

CPT CODE	ORBITS CT	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70480	Trauma	Facial/eye pain	WO	No
70481	No Trauma; specific localized facial pain	Localized orbital pain, swelling, inflammation	W	No

CPT CODE	SINUS CT (When scheduling, please provide your image guided protocol: Brain Lab, Landmark, Stryker)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70486	Preoperative	Congestion, polyps, CBS	WO	No
70486	Sinusitis; chronic, failed several courses of antibiotic therapy	Facial pain, congestion	WO	No
70487	Osteomyelitis	Pain in infected bone, fever, chills	W	No
70487	Sinus-nasal tumor	Nasal congestion, pain above or below eyes	W	No

CPT CODE	NECK CT (Soft tissue) (Imaging does NOT include vertebral structures - see Cervical Spine)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70490	R/O Calculi	Pain, dry mouth, bad taste in mouth, swelling	WO	No
70491	Lymphadenopathy	Swelling of lymph nodes	W	No
70491	Parotids	Dysphagia, vocal changes, aspiration	W	No
70491	Vocal cord lesion, hoarseness, paralysis	Hoarseness, breathy sounding	W	No
70492	Salivary gland stones	Pain, swelling	WO&W	No

CPT CODE	3D STAND ALONE RECONSTRUCTIONS
76377	3D Reconstruction, all body parts

CPT CODE	HEAD CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70496	Aneurysm	Double or loss of vision, headache, eye pain	WO&W	No

CPT CODE	NECK CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
70498	Suspected Carotid Stenosis	Weakness, numbness, Confusion, dizziness	WO&W	No

CPT CODE	CORONARY CTA (CCTA)	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
75574	Equivocal stress test, abnormal imaging	Chest pain, cough, SOB, dyspnea	WO&W	No
75572	Pulmonary Vein Stenosis-Pre/Post Ablation	SOB, fatigue, rapid heartbeat, fainting, A-fib	WO&W	No

CPT CODE	CORONARY CALCIUM SCORING	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
75571	Stand alone calcium scoring	Hypercholesterolemia	WO	No
CPT CODE	CHEST CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
71275	Evaluation of thoracic aortic aneurysm	Most have no symptoms until the aneurysm leaks	WO&W	No
CPT CODE	CHEST / ABDOMEN / PELVIS CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
71275 and 74174	Dissection	Stabbing or sharp chest pain	WO&W	No
CPT CODE	ABDOMEN CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
74175	Renal hypertension	Blood in urine, hypertension, renal insufficiency	WO&W	No
74175	Renal Artery Stenosis	Hypertension	WO&W	No
CPT CODE	PELVIS CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
72191	DIEP Trans Flap	Preoperative for arterial supply	W	No
CPT CODE	ABDOMEN / PELVIS CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
74174	Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	Constant chest/abd & back pain; pulsatile mass	WO&W	No
74174	Iliac Aneurysm	Lower abdominal pain, low back pain or groin pain	WO&W	No
74174	Mesenteric Ischemia	Abdominal pain	WO&W	No
CPT CODE	ABDOMINAL AORTA with RUNOFFS CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
75635	Lower extremity ischemia, Claudication, Foot ulcer	Absent pulse in foot, cramping pain, rest pain	WO&W	No
CPT CODE	EXTREMITIES CTA	Signs/Symptoms	IV	ORAL
73706	Lower extremity ischemia	Evaluate swelling, fistula, graft	W	No
73206	Upper extremity ischemia	Evaluate swelling, fistula, graft	W	No

CPT CODE	PET/CT
78815	Skull Base to Mid Thigh - Breast, Cervical, Colorectal, Esophageal, Head & Neck, Single Pulmonary nodule, Lymphoma, Thyroid, Lung
78816	Whole Body - Melanoma and Myeloma
78608	Alzheimers - Dementia, Refractory seizures after Cancer

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