

Guidelines for Ordering CTs

Please obtain creatinine and eGFR on all patients with diabetes and renal failure receiving IV contrast.

	Without IV Contrast	With IV Contrast	With & Without IV Contrast
HEAD	(70450) • Trauma • Bleed	(70460) • Soft tissue mass • Known brain lesion • Metastases	
SINUS/FACE	(70486) • Trauma • Fracture • Sinusitis	(70487) • Soft tissue mass	
TEMPORAL BONES/ ORBITS	(70480) • Hearing loss • Mastoiditis • Orbit fx • Cholesteatoma	(70481) • Soft tissue mass	
NECK	(70490) • Stones	(70491) • Mass • Difficulty swallowing	(70492)
SPINE	• Stenosis C - (72125) • Pain T - (72128) • Fracture L - (72131)	• Infection C - (72126) T - (72129) L - (72132)	
EXTREMITIES	• Fracture Upper (73200) • Eval joint Lower (73700) • Hip fx	• Soft tissue mass Upper (73201) • Osteomyelitis / Lower (73701) infection	Upper (73202) Lower (73702)
CHEST	(71250) • Nodule • Abnormal chest x-ray • Interstitial lung disease (high resolution) • Cough	(71271) • Lung Cancer Screening (71260) • Lymph nodes (adenopathy) • Hilar mass	(71270)
ABDOMEN AND PELVIS	(74176) • Kidney stones • Eval for aortic aneurysm	(74177) • Generalized abdomen pain (diverticulitis, appendicitis, pancreatitis) • Cancer staging • Crohn's (enterography)	(74178) • Urogram for hematuria
ABDOMEN			(74170) • Multiphase exams (liver, pancreas mass, adrenal mass) • Kidney mass
BONY PELVIS	• Pelvic fracture (72192)		

NPO 2 hours for contrast exams

CTA EXAMS

BRAIN	• Brain aneurysm (70496)
NECK	• Carotids (70498)
CHEST	(71275) • Pulmonary Embolism • Aortic dissection
ABDOMEN AND PELVIS	• Eval aneurysm graft (74174)
RUNOFF	• Claudication (75635)

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Guidelines for Ordering MRIs

Please obtain creatinine and eGFR on all patients with diabetes or renal disease receiving IV contrast.

	NEURO	MSK	BODY
Without IV Contrast	<p>BRAIN (70551)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headaches Concern for infarct Aneurysm AVM Syncope <p>CONGENITAL EPILEPSY (70551)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seizure disorder <p>MRA BRAIN (70544)</p> <p>FACE (70540)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMJ 	<p>UPPER EXTREMITY (CYST) PAIN</p> <p>NON-JOINT (73218) JOINT (73221)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arm Clavicle Scapula Hand Shoulder Wrist Elbow Finger <p>LOWER EXTREMITY (CYST) PAIN</p> <p>NON-JOINT (73718) JOINT (73721)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Femur Tib / Fib Foot Hip Knee Ankle Toe <p>BONY PELVIS (72195)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain Sports hernia FX / stress fx <p>C / T / L SPINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pain Radiculopathy Chronic myelopathy C = (72141) T = (72146) L = (72148) 	<p>KIDNEYS (74181)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renal insufficiency <p>LIVER ELASTOGRAPHY (76391 and 74181)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage liver disease
With & Without IV Contrast	<p>BRAIN / ORBITS (70543)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optic nerve tumors Infection Focal orbital disease Visual loss Optic neuritis <p>BRAIN (70553)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass Infection / inflammation Metastatic disease Multiple Sclerosis - Known Pituitary disorders Hypothalamic parasellar pathology Internal auditory canal Hearing loss / tinnitus Vestibular Disease Trigeminal neuralgia Cranial nerve Focal pain with all cranial nerves Lesions <p>MRV BRAIN (70546)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venous thrombosis <p>NECK (70543)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vascular anatomy Mass assessment <p>MRA NECK (70549)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stenosis Dissection 	<p>UPPER EXTREMITY</p> <p>Mass, Osteomyelitis/infection, OA</p> <p>NON-JOINT (73220) JOINT (73223)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arm Clavicle Scapula Hand Shoulder Wrist Elbow Finger <p>LOWER EXTREMITY</p> <p>Mass, Osteomyelitis / infection, Morton's neuroma</p> <p>NON-JOINT (73720) JOINT (73723)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Femur Tib / Fib Foot Hip Knee Ankle Toe <p>BONY PELVIS (72197)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mass Osteomyelitis / infection Sacroiliitis <p>C/T SPINE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tumor / mass Acute myelopathy Known MS Osteomyelitis / discitis / infection C = (72156) T = (72157) <p>L SPINE (72158)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tumor / mass Acute myelopathy Prior back surgery Osteomyelitis / discitis / infection 	<p>BRACHIAL PLEXUS (Auth depends on Dx)</p> <p>BREAST (77048)</p> <p>CHEST (71552)</p> <p>NECK (70543)</p> <p>MRA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chest (71555) Renal (74185) <p>ENTEROGRAPHY</p> <p>ABDOMEN / PELVIS (74183) (72197)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crohn's disease <p>ABDOMEN (74183)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview Concern for mass <p>PANCREAS (74183)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bile ducts Gallbladder Pancreas <p>FEMALE PELVIS (72197)</p> <p>PROSTATE (72197)</p> <p>ADNEXAL MASS (72197)</p>

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