

InterQual® Imaging Criteria

Drive Appropriate Imaging Utilization

As technology improves, newer imaging modalities are being deployed to diagnose a wide array of conditions. Even so, many imaging tests are not needed and may account for up to \$12 billion each year in unnecessary health cost spend.¹

Payers and providers need evidence-based clinical tools to help them make informed decisions regarding the appropriateness of high-cost imaging. InterQual Imaging Criteria is backed by the best clinical evidence available to help support decisions regarding imaging tests.

Q&A Format—Allows for an intuitive end-user experience and enables easier training.

Comprehensive Imaging Criteria—Covers more than 200 unique imaging tests organized into more than 30 test families, and includes the majority of adult indications and select pediatric and adolescent indications, where appropriate.

Test Sequence Recommendations—Helps ensure that the appropriate sequencing of tests is considered prior to the approval of advanced imaging, to help eliminate patient exposure to unnecessary tests.

Alternative Imaging Recommendations—Identifies situations in which alternative imaging studies may be appropriate based on medical evidence and the specific clinical scenario.

Limited Evidence Recommendations—Prompts users to collect information to assist a physician reviewer in conducting a secondary review. These recommendations apply to imaging studies in which the evidence does not fully support the test given the specific clinical scenario.

Streamlined Review Process—Identifies urgent conditions and indications to alert the user that prior authorization is not required and that a review can be done retrospectively.

Categories

Age-Related

- Adolescent
- Adult
- Pediatric

Anatomical






- Abdomen & Pelvis
- Bone & Joint
- Chest & Heart
- General
- Head & Neck Spine

¹ Whitney L. Jackson, "What Can Radiologists Really Do About Unnecessary Imaging?," Diagnostic Imaging, Jan. 15, 2015, <http://www.diagnosticimaging.com/practice-management/what-can-radiologists-really-do-about-unnecessary-imaging>



Clinical Decision Support Across the Continuum of Care

InterQual® Criteria

 Level of Care	 Behavioral Health	 Ambulatory Care Planning	 Powered by InterQual	 Care Coordination
Acute Adult	Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry	Procedures	Medicare Procedures	Coordinated Care
Acute Pediatric		Imaging	Medicare Imaging	
Long-Term Acute Care	Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	Durable Medical Equipment	Medicare Durable Medical Equipment	
Inpatient Rehabilitation	Substance Use Disorders	Molecular Diagnostics	Medicare Molecular Diagnostics and Lab	
Subacute and Skilled Nursing	Behavioral Health Services	Specialty Rx Oncology	Medicare Pharmacy	
Home Care		Specialty Rx Non-Oncology	Medicare Behavioral Health	
Outpatient Rehab and Chiropractic		Specialty Referral	Proprietary Third-Party Content	
		Retrospective Monitoring		

Objective, Specific, and Comprehensive Clinical Content

InterQual Criteria are objective and specific, helping guide consistent, defensible decisions that ensure appropriate, quality care. The portfolio of five content suites offers comprehensive content that spans the continuum of care for medical and behavioral health.

Rigorous, Evidence-Based Development Process

Our highly trained clinical development team performs an unbiased, systematic review and critical appraisal of the evidence using elements of the GRADE approach to help ensure InterQual Criteria reflect the best available clinical evidence. No other criteria provide a higher level of accuracy and timeliness than InterQual. Developed with rigor and objectivity, InterQual Criteria is updated frequently to remain current with the latest evidence.

Extensive Peer Review

Our clinical review panel of more than 1,000 independent, multidisciplinary experts provides extensive, multi-level peer review. For situations that do not lend themselves to accepted research methods, larger and more geographically dispersed groups of clinical experts are used to establish best practices which reflect the current standard of care.

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