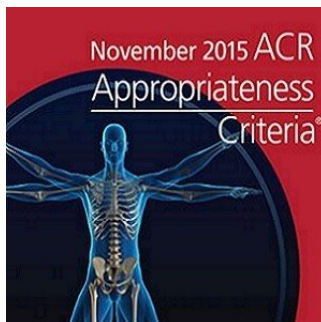

ACR Releases New, Updated Appropriateness Criteria



The latest version of the American College of Radiology (ACR) [Appropriateness Criteria](#)® has been released. The updated criteria help referring physicians and other providers make the most appropriate medical imaging or treatment decision for more than 1,050 clinical indications. Developed by expert panels of physicians from various medical specialties, these guidelines are continually updated to help ensure the most efficacious use of radiology.

In the new edition, the ACR updated 19 topics and added 3 new criteria, covering clinically suspected pulmonary arteriovenous malformation, nasopharyngeal carcinoma and adjuvant therapy in vulvar cancer.

E. Kent Yucel, MD, FACR, chair of the American College of Radiology Committee on Diagnostic Imaging and Interventional Radiology Appropriateness Criteria, stated: "ACR Appropriateness Criteria are nationally accepted, scientifically based guidelines for selection of diagnostic imaging, image-guided interventional procedures and radiation oncology procedures for specific clinical needs."

These guidelines assist physicians when ordering exams and help ensure that patients get the right scan or therapy for the right indication. "The criteria have also been shown to improve quality, reduce unnecessary exams and lower costs," Dr. Yucel added.

[ACR Select](#)™, provided by National Decision Support Company, contains the digital version of the [ACR Appropriateness Criteria diagnostic topics](#). This platform can be integrated with computerised ordering or electronic health record (EHR) systems to guide providers when ordering medical imaging scans.

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