
Recent Study Examines Inappropriate Use of CT and MRI Exams

Of the 459 examinations used in the study, all referred by primary care physicians, over 25 percent were deemed inappropriate when measured against evidence-based appropriateness criteria. This is significant considering the extra costs from unnecessary exams and the effects of excess radiation, a growing concern among policy makers, physicians and the patient. Overall, this research could provide the information needed to grow closer to solutions that would support the clinical decision making process.

The examinations that were ordered appropriately were more likely to have positive results that affected the patient

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