



InterQual Imaging Criteria

Drive appropriate imaging utilization

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 280 unique imaging tests organized into more than 35 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 in 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 and pelvis
- Bone and joint
- Chest and heart
- General
- Head and neck/spine






Also available:

Medicare Imaging Navigator

– For the review of imaging tests for Medicare/ Medicare Advantage patients to help ensure compliance with CMS policies (NCDs and LCDs).

Clinical decision support across the continuum of care

InterQual criteria and industry content

|  Level of Care |  Behavioral Health |  Ambulatory Care Planning |  Industry Content |  Care Coordination |
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| Acute Adult* | Adult and Geriatric Psychiatry | Procedures* | The ASAM Criteria® | Coordinated Care |
| Acute Pediatric* | Child and Adolescent Psychiatry | Imaging | Concert Genetics | Patient Education |
| Long-Term Acute Care* | Substance Use Disorders | Durable Medical Equipment* | Medicare Behavioral Health | |
| Inpatient Rehabilitation* | Behavioral Health Services | Molecular Diagnostics | Medicare Procedures* | |
| Subacute and Skilled Nursing* | | Specialty Rx Non-Oncology | Medicare Imaging | |
| Home Care | | Specialty Rx Oncology | Medicare Post-Acute and Durable Medical Equipment | |
| Outpatient Rehab and Chiropractic | | Specialty Referral | Medicare Molecular Diagnostics and Lab | |
| | | Retrospective Monitoring | Medicare Pharmacy | |

* Decision Reasons add-on available.

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 5 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 are updated frequently to remain current with the latest evidence.

Extensive peer review

Our clinical review panel of more than 1,100 independent, multidisciplinary experts provides extensive, multilevel 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 that reflect the current standard of care.

InterQual is used by:

4,300+

provider organizations

300+

payer organizations

100%

RACs, MACs, CMS and
BFCC-QIOs

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