ACR Appropriateness Criteria® chronic foot pain.

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Overview

Guideline Objective

To provide recommendations for the appropriate use of imaging in the diagnosis and evaluation of chronic foot pain

Patient Population

Adult patients with chronic foot pain

Recommendations

Recommendation Statements

Major interventions covered in this guideline include:

- Radiography

- Ultrasound (US)
- Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic resonance arthrography (MRA)
- Computed tomography (CT)
- Image-guided anesthetic +/- corticosteroid injection
- Bone scan (3-phase, with or without single-photon emission computed tomography [SPECT] or SPECT/CT)
- Appropriate use of intravenous (IV) contrast for MRI and CT

Note: Full recommendation statements have not been provided because this guideline does not meet EGT's systematic review of the evidence criteria. Refer to the original guideline for more information.

Evidence Rating Scheme

Refer to the original guideline documentation for more information.

Recommendation Rating Scheme

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Related Content

Supporting Documents

- Appendix.
- Evidence Table; 2025.
- Literature Search; 2024 Jan 9.
- ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Methodology; 2021 Nov 1.

Implementation Tools

No implementation tools available.

Patient Education

No patient education materials available.

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