CT of the Abdomen OR CT Abdomen and Pelvis

Providers can expedite a request by submitting a prior authorization request through e-referral and completing the appropriate questionnaire. If all questions are answered, e-referral will determine the status of the case based on the provider’s response. If the case pends and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information.

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1. Does the patient have:
2. Prior abnormal imaging (e.g. X-ray or Ultra Sound) that was either negative OR not able to lead to a definitive diagnosis AND further imaging is recommended or requested? □ Yes □ No
3. Persistent unexplained abdominal and/or pelvic tenderness? □ Yes □ No
4. Unexplained abdominal mass? □ Yes □ No
5. Enlarged abdominal organs? □ Yes □ No
6. Unexplained weight loss (> 10% body weight)? □ Yes □ No
7. Unexplained jaundice (yellow skin), elevated liver enzymes? □ Yes □ No
8. Symptoms or suspicion of abdominal bleeding or retroperitoneal bleeding (blood in stool, black or tarry stool, tiredness, pale skin, shortness of breath) or is this for follow-up of known abdominal bleeding? □ Yes □ No
9. Symptoms of abdominal abscess (fever of unknown original, abdominal pain)? □ Yes □ No
10. Clinical symptoms of appendicitis? □ Yes □ No
11. Clinical symptoms of diverticulitis (a digestive disease accompanied by nausea, vomiting, cramping, pain, constipation, diarrhea, etc.)? □ Yes □ No
12. Clinical symptoms of bowel obstruction (abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, constipation, etc.)? □ Yes □ No
13. Suspected Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) or follow-up of known IBD? □ Yes □ No
14. Suspected pancreatitis OR clinical complications of pancreatitis? □ Yes □ No
### Radiology Questionnaire

15. **Unexplained hematuria (any blood in the urine; microscopic noted by urinalysis or visible blood)?**
   - Yes
   - No

16. **Known OR suspected kidney stone(s)?**
   - Yes
   - No

17. **Symptoms of abdominal aortic aneurysm (pulsing sensation in the abdomen, rigid abdomen, nausea, vomiting, rapid heart rate when rising to stand, abdominal mass)?**
   - Yes
   - No

18. **Suspected abdominal aortic dissection (tear in the wall of the aorta)?**
   - Yes
   - No

19. **Suspected abdominal hernia (an abdominal protrusion due to weak abdominal muscles)?**
   - Yes
   - No

20. **Significant abdominal trauma / injury?**
    - Yes
    - No

21. **Is this imaging procedure being performed to rule out cancer, to rule out metastasis or for ongoing cancer surveillance (monitoring) of a previously identified cancer?**
    - Yes
    - No

22. **Is the CT for pre-surgical planning or for post-surgical evaluation for complications?**
    - Yes
    - No

23. **Is the patient currently pregnant? (CT generally contraindicated)**
    - Yes
    - No

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**References:**


