Radiology Questionnaire

### Nuclear Scan of Biliary Tract/Hepatobiliary Duct (HIDA)

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 pending and BCN cannot authorize it, BCN will contact the provider for additional clinical information.

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In general, the HIDA test has been replaced by high quality ultrasound of the liver and gallbladder. However, in some situations it can be a valuable test to evaluate liver and gallbladder functional status.

This test may also require use of a pharmacological agent to cause gallbladder contraction in order to evaluate function (CCK)

1. Does the patient have:  
2. An abnormal CT, ultrasound or other imaging test where HIDA scan has been recommended or requested?  
3. Symptoms of acute cholecystitis (severe right upper quadrant pain of the abdomen AND non-diagnostic OR unavailable ultrasound study)?  
4. Symptoms of chronic/ocalcualous cholecystitis (recurrent right upper quadrant pain WITHOUT evidence of gallstones on prior ultrasound)?  
5. Symptoms of gallbladder dysfunction (upper and lower abdominal pain, vomiting, nausea, low grade fever, pain after eating fatty or greasy foods, diarrhea, back pain) WITH non-diagnostic ultrasound?  
6. Suspected bile leak after trauma or surgery?  
7. Suspected post-surgical complication?  

If the test for the patient is not approved and you think the patient needs the test, please call 1-800-392-2512.

References:

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