**American College of Radiology (ACR) Resources for Appropriate Imaging**

* Appropriateness Criteria (AC)
  + Evidence-based guidelines to assist referring physicians and other providers in making the most appropriate imaging or treatment decision for a specific clinical condition. Employing these guidelines helps providers enhance quality of care and contribute to the most efficacious use of radiology. Website content is free and accessible to all. Does not track individual ordering patterns – see Clinical Decision Support, below.
  + Website: [AC Portal](https://gravitas.acr.org/acportal)
    - Includes all AC content: topics, variants, clinical scenarios, and recommendations. Keyword filters and search features to more easily find all content.
  + Website: [Browse Topics](https://acsearch.acr.org/list)
* List of AC topics by panel.
* Spanish translations also available.
  + Website: [Search topics](https://acsearch.acr.org/)
    - Mobile friendly version of the AC content. Search and filtering features. Requires one time log in.
* [AC Patient Friendly Summaries](https://www.radiologyinfo.org/en/acs-index)
  + Short summaries of AC content for patients in easy-to-understand language
  + Available in English and Spanish
* Clinical Decision Support (CDS): [Care Select Imaging](https://www.changehealthcare.com/clinical-decision-support/careselect/imaging)
  + EHR integrated point of order guidance. Incorporates evidence-based guidance from ACR and other guideline developers. Targeted analytics for imaging utilization management. Not free.
* CDS/AUC Webinars
  + [Appropriateness Criteria and Clinical Decision Support](https://pages.acr.org/Appropriateness-Criteria-Webinar-Recording.html)
    - UVA and Michigan experience; focus on using AC instead of pre-auth.
  + [MRI Appropriateness | Placing the Right Order at the Right Time](https://vimeo.com/988455787/a00f5fb33a)
    - Carle Health use of CDS tools in the IP setting to improve MR utilization.
* AMA Ed Hub: [RSCAN Value Based Imaging podcasts](https://edhub.ama-assn.org/acr-lifelong-learning/pages/r-scan)
  + Educational podcasts for referring clinicians to optimize image ordering based on AC content.
  + Focus on commonly encountered clinical scenarios such as Headache, Low Back Pain, Head Trauma, Pulmonary Embolism, etc.
* [Radiology Teaches](https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-TEACHES)
  + Educational modules using case vignettes based on the AC content.
  + Learners simulate the process of ordering imaging studies and receive immediate evidence-based feedback demonstrating appropriate image utilization.
  + There are different modules, including Internal Medicine and Family/Community Medicine.
  + Currently undergoing some improvements to improve the user experience.
* [Incidental Findings](https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Incidental-Findings) 
  + These are written for a radiology audience but may be of interest to a non-radiology audience since they address follow-up recommendations from radiologists that may be in reports going to referring providers.
* [Learning Network](https://www.acr.org/Practice-Management-Quality-Informatics/ACR-Learning-Network)
  + This is a program for systematic improvement for healthcare teams. This framework may be particularly useful for multi-specialty teams working together to tackle complex problems such as improving appropriateness of image orders.