

Provider Checklist-Outpatient -Imaging

Checklist: MRI Neck (For CPT Codes: 70540, 70542, 70543)

Indicate submandibular gland mass by PE

Indicate parotid mass by PE

If suspected head/neck abscess indicate temperature > 100.4 F (38.0 C), pain at site by Hx AND oral cavity/neck swelling by PE

If head/neck cancer, indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

- baseline scan as part of staging;
- baseline scan positive WITH periodic assessment during chemotherapy/radiation Rx
OR restaging after chemotherapy/radiation Rx completed;
- OR new/worsening sx/findings with known head/neck cancer

If neck mass/node, indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

- > 1 cm by PE;
- high suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH nontender AND fixed;
- OR low suspicion for malignancy by PE WITH unchanged by PE after > 4 wks OR larger by PE after > 4 wks

If obstructive thyroid nodule/goiter indicate respiratory difficulty/dysphagia by Hx OR upper airway obstruction by PFTs (Pulmonary Function Tests)

If suspected nasopharyngeal tumor indicate AT LEAST ONE of the following:

- chronic unilateral serous otitis media WITH fluid behind TM (Temporomandibular)by PE AND duration \geq 2 wks;
- recurrent epistaxis WITH no visible mucosal bleeding site by PE/nasal endoscopy AND epistaxis \geq 2 episodes by Hx;
- nasopharyngeal mass/ulceration by PE/nasal endoscopy;
- OR unilateral facial pain WITH constant pain by Hx, duration \geq 2 wks, PE normal AND nasal endoscopy normal

If suspected parathyroid tumor, indicate prior anterior neck surgery, Ca > normal AND PTH (Parathyroid Hormone) > normal