

# American College of Radiology Releases 6 New Topics and 10 Updated Criteria

American College of Radiology (ACR) just released new topics. Appropriateness Criteria are evidence-based guidelines to assist physicians and providers in making treatment decisions based on their patient's condition. There is even a mobile app in the app store that allows clinicians and medical students to search the criteria when making radiologic tests to order, free and not for profit.

Adding 6 entirely new topics in imaging appropriateness is important for physicians' review. Some other updates include, 10 topics being updated, incorporating a narrative, evidence table, and summary of the literature. Its latest release covers clinical scenarios such as imaging of mediastinal masses and also, screening for fetal anomaly during second and third trimesters.

Mark Lockhart, MD, chair of the college's Committee on Appropriateness Criteria, said in an Oct. 4 statement, "The American College of Radiology ACR AC continues to be a critical resource that helps providers enhance quality of care and contribute to the most efficacious use of radiology."

The six new topics follow below. American College of Radiology also issued similar updates in January and April.

1. Imaging of Mediastinal Masses
2. Postmenopausal Acute Pelvic Pain
3. Second and Third Trimester Screening for Fetal Anomaly
4. Staging and Follow-up of Vulvar Cancer
5. Syncope
6. Radiologic Management of Portal Hypertension

Even through the pandemic, the American College of Radiology is making a significant impact on radiology research and creating valuable resources for physicians everywhere.