

d. Appropriate Use

USE OF IMAGING STUDIES FOR LOW BACK PAIN (NQF#52/HEDIS)				
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Federal Agencies				
<i>What Is Back Pain? Fast Facts: An Easy-to-Read Series of Publications for the Public</i>	National Institutes for Health	2014	Fact sheet that provides information on the identification, prevention, and treatment of back pain.	https://www.niams.nih.gov/health_info/back_pain/back_pain_ff.pdf
Professional Societies/Disease-Specific Organizations				
<i>Choosing Wisely: Imaging for Lower Back Pain</i>	American Academy of Family Physicians	N/A	Clinical recommendations for treating lower back pain in line with the <i>Choosing Wisely</i> campaign, to avoid wasteful or unnecessary medical tests, treatments and procedures. Includes a patient brochure.	http://www.aafp.org/patient-care/clinical-recommendations/all/cw-back-pain.html <i>Patient brochure:</i> https://familydoctor.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/ChooseWiselyBackPainAAFP-ER.pdf
<i>Discussing imaging with patient who suffers back pain</i>	American Academy of Family Physicians	N/A	Video demonstrating an example (for a clinician) of how to speak about imaging options for a patient presenting with back pain.	http://www.aafp.org/choosing-wisely/AnnotatedVideos/m02_3_backPain.htm
Improvement Organizations/Multi-Stakeholder Coalitions/Networks				
<i>Health Care Guideline: Adult Acute and Subacute Low Back Pain. Core Treatment of Non-specific Lower Back Pain Algorithm.</i>	Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement.	2012	Clinical guidelines, including treatment algorithms, for the management of non-specific lower back pain.	https://www.icsi.org/asset/bjvqri/LBP.pdf
<i>Low Back Pain Clinical Improvement Team Final Report</i>	Clinical Improvement Team (CIT) of the Puget Sound Health Alliance (currently Washington Health Alliance).	2007	Compilation of clinical guidelines and improvement strategies for the appropriate treatment and management of low back pain.	http://wahealthalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/LowBackPainCITReportFINAL_Jan_07.pdf

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Journal Articles				
<i>Imaging strategies for low-back pain: systematic review and meta-analysis</i>	The Lancet	2009	Analysis of randomized controlled trials that compared immediate lumbar imaging (radiography, MRI, or CT) vs. clinical care without immediate imaging for low-back pain (abstract only).	http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(09)60172-0/fulltext