



# Detailed Order Request Checklists for Abdomen and Pelvis Exams

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## Getting ready to place an order

Knowing what information, you will need for each order saves time. Our abdomen and pelvis order request checklists can help you identify and collect the information you need to have available when entering an order request. We recommend that you print a copy or save it to your computer to keep it handy when you are preparing to submit an order.

### **INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED FOR ABDOMEN AND PELVIS ORDER REQUESTS**

For ALL Abdomen and pelvis order requests, you will need:

- Patient first and last name, member number and date of birth
- Ordering provider first and last name
- CPT code and the name of the exam you're requesting
- Diagnostic code (ICD10) or name of your patient's diagnosis
- Name and location of the facility where the exam will be performed

For MOST abdomen and pelvis order requests, you may also need:

- Reason for ordering the exam (e.g., what is the provider looking for or differential diagnosis)
- Physical exam findings
- Patient history (including prior surgery)
- Prior imaging dates and results
- Non-diagnostic ultrasound (Not enough information was provided to establish, confirm, or exclude a diagnosis or there are technical limitations.)
- Other imaging (x-rays etc.)
- Labs

Looking for a specific exam?

The following pages list the information that is typically required for specific abdomen and pelvis exams and associated diagnoses. Not all information is needed for every exam, and sometimes additional information is required, however, to be thoroughly prepared it is suggested to gather this information from or have access to the patient's chart prior to starting your order request.

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## **ABDOMEN CT or MRI, ABDOMEN/PELVIS CT OR MRI**

- Reason for ordering the exam (e.g., what is the provider looking for or differential diagnosis)
- Indication (e.g., infection, inflammation, hematoma, abscess, or mass)
- Specific signs or symptoms and duration (new, worsening, or none)
- Dates and results of prior imaging studies (e.g., ultrasound, x-ray [KUB/chest], endoscopy, colonoscopy, or barium enema; and results [nondiagnostic, indeterminate, or type and location of cyst/mass])
- Dates and results of laboratory tests (e.g., liver function, CBC, blood culture, urinalysis [where applicable])
- Dates or type of any surgeries or procedures (e.g., lithotripsy or aneurysm repair [open or endovascular repair])
- Any contraindication to MRI (for CT only)
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- Type of treatment and response (e.g., antibiotic)
- Combination (CT scan) exam vs abdomen only or pelvis only (example: cholecystitis – abdomen only indicated, not pelvis, nor combination).

## **SPECIFICALLY FOR PAIN**

- Location (e.g., diffuse, epigastric, right or left upper or lower quadrant pain), characteristics, and duration of pain (persistent, recurrent, and chronic or acute [new onset within 30 days])
- Reason for exam
- Differential or confirmed diagnosis for the cause of pain
- Any RED FLAG signs
- Pertinent Labs
- Imaging (U/S, X-ray, other)
- Combination (CT scan) exam vs abdomen only or pelvis only

## **PELVIS CT OR MRI, PELVIS/ABDOMEN CT OR MRI**

- Reason for ordering the exam (e.g., what is the provider looking for or differential diagnosis)
- Indication (e.g., infection, inflammation, hematoma, abscess, or mass)
- Specific signs or symptoms and duration (new, worsening, or none)
- Dates and results of prior imaging studies (e.g., ultrasound, x-ray [KUB/chest], endoscopy, colonoscopy, or barium enema; and results [nondiagnostic, indeterminate, or type and location of cyst/mass])
- Dates and results of laboratory tests (e.g., liver function, CBC, blood culture, urinalysis [where applicable])
- Dates or type of any surgeries or procedures (e.g., lithotripsy or aneurysm repair [open or endovascular repair])
- Any contraindication to MRI (for CT only)

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  - Type of treatment and response (e.g., antibiotic)
  - Combination (CT scan) exam vs abdomen only or pelvis only

#### **MRCP**

- Reason for exam (e.g., biliary obstruction, choledocholithiasis, cystic pancreatic mass, primary sclerosing cholangitis, acute recurrent pancreatitis, or suspected ductal abnormality)
- Labs
- Prior imaging (results and dates)

#### **ABDOMINAL CTA OR MRA, ABDOMINAL/PELVIS CTA OR MRA**

- Reason for the exam request (e.g., preoperative, preprocedural or surveillance of repaired or non-repaired aneurysm, or stenosis, occlusion, or ischemia, TAVI or TAVR)
- Dates and results of prior imaging studies (e.g., ultrasound, noninvasive studies (ex ABI), MRA, MRI, CTA, CT; and results [nondiagnostic, indeterminate])
- Prior applicable surgeries or procedures
- New or worsening symptoms
- Exam findings

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## **PELVIS CTA OR MRA, PELVIS/ ABDOMINAL CTA OR MRA**

- Reason for exam request (e.g., pseudoaneurysm, suspected or established aneurysm, visceral aneurysm, preoperative, preprocedural or surveillance of repaired or non-repaired aneurysm, new or worsening symptoms,
- TAVI or TAVR, or suspected complication)
- Prior applicable surgeries or procedures
- Dates and results of prior imaging studies (e.g., ultrasound, noninvasive studies (ex ABI), MRA, MRI, CTA, CT; and results [nondiagnostic, indeterminate])
- New or worsening symptoms
- Exam findings

## **ABDOMEN AND PELVIS CTA WITH LOWER EXTREMITY RUNOFF**

- Indications for exam (e.g., preoperative, postoperative, pseudoaneurysm, surveillance, ischemia, peripheral artery disease, stenosis or occlusion)
- Specific symptoms (new, worsening, or none)
- Dates and results of prior imaging studies (e.g., ultrasound, noninvasive studies (ex ABI), MRA, MRI, CTA, CT; and results nondiagnostic, indeterminate])
- Exam findings
- Prior applicable surgeries or procedures

## **VIRTUAL CT COLONOGRAPHY**

- Screening vs diagnostic
- Results and date of prior screening
- Reason for exam (e.g., failed or incomplete colonoscopy, contraindication, or complications)
- Medical indications (e.g., colonic obstruction, sedation risk, risk of perforation, coagulopathy, or long- term anticoagulation

## **PELVIS FETAL MRI**

- Reason/Indication for exam
- Prior imaging results (ultrasound or other imaging studies)
- Ultrasound date and results (e.g., nondiagnostic)
- Complication of pregnancy (e.g., twin complication)
- Trimester