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Appropriate Use Criteria Radiology Studies

On November 2, 2023, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued a final rule that announces finalized policy changes under the Physician Fee Schedule (PFS), effective on or after January 1, 2024.

CMS is finalizing the proposal to **pause efforts to implement the Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) program**. **CMS is rescinding the current AUC program regulations** at 42 CFR 414.94. CMS will continue efforts to identify a workable implementation approach, and any such approach would be proposed through subsequent rulemaking. <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/calendar-year-cy-2024-medicare-physician-fee-schedule-final-rule>

Appropriate use criteria will no longer be required within One McLaren Cerner. If you wish to reference the American College of Radiology information for clinical guidance that was used in the AUC screens, please follow the steps outlined below.


Link to the American College of Radiology: <https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria>

AC Portal

An interactive way to access the AC topics, variants, clinical scenarios, and recommendations. Use keyword filters and search features to more easily find all content.

[Explore the AC ↗](#)

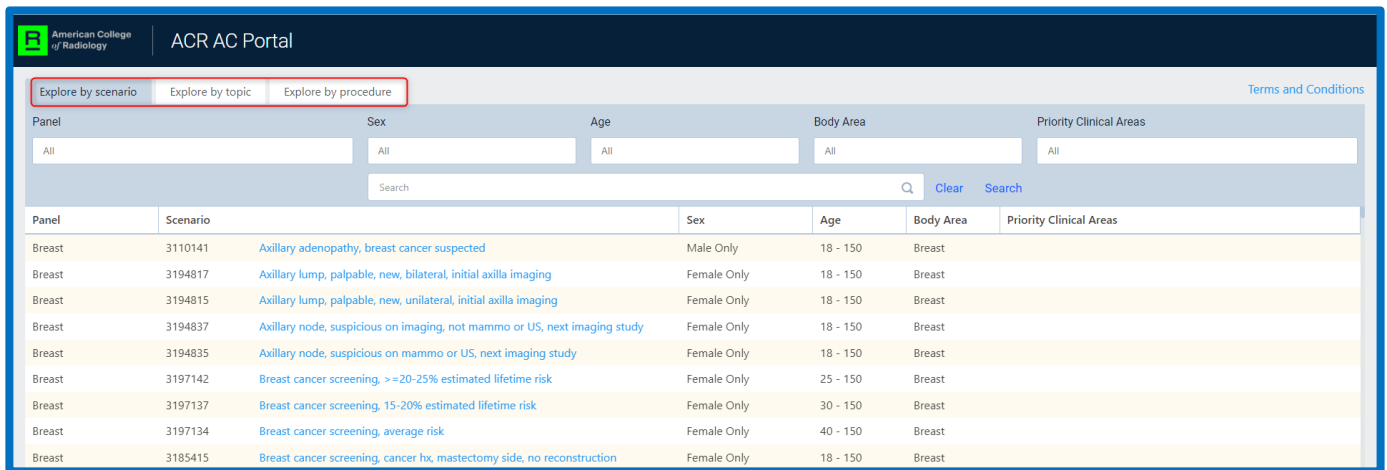
Click here to access the portal



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Link to ACR AC Portal: <https://gravitas.acr.org/acportal>

The portal allows you to search by scenario, topic, or procedure.



The screenshot shows the ACR AC Portal interface with the following elements:

- Navigation tabs: Explore by scenario, Explore by topic, Explore by procedure (highlighted with a red box).
- Filter sections: Panel, Sex, Age, Body Area, Priority Clinical Areas, each with an "All" dropdown.
- Search bar: A search input field with a magnifying glass icon, "Clear", and "Search" buttons.
- Table of results with columns: Panel, Scenario, Sex, Age, Body Area, Priority Clinical Areas.

Panel	Scenario	Sex	Age	Body Area	Priority Clinical Areas
Breast	3110141 Axillary adenopathy, breast cancer suspected	Male Only	18 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3194817 Axillary lump, palpable, new, bilateral, initial axilla imaging	Female Only	18 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3194815 Axillary lump, palpable, new, unilateral, initial axilla imaging	Female Only	18 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3194837 Axillary node, suspicious on imaging, not mammo or US, next imaging study	Female Only	18 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3194835 Axillary node, suspicious on mammo or US, next imaging study	Female Only	18 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3197142 Breast cancer screening, >=20-25% estimated lifetime risk	Female Only	25 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3197137 Breast cancer screening, 15-20% estimated lifetime risk	Female Only	30 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3197134 Breast cancer screening, average risk	Female Only	40 - 150	Breast	
Breast	3185415 Breast cancer screening, cancer hx, mastectomy side, no reconstruction	Female Only	18 - 150	Breast	