BEST PRACTICE

Clinical Pathway



Bone Lesion on CT

Characteristics	Lesion Type	Follow-Up Recommendations
Hx of Cancer	N/A	Excluded
Well Circumscribed	Benign Characteristics	"No follow-up imaging is recommended." Benign CT Bone Lesion Atlas
Narrow Zone of Transition		
No periosteal reaction or Benign appearing (smooth, solid) periosteal reaction		
No cortical breach		
No adjacent soft tissue mass		
Less than 3 cm in size. Larger than 3 cm can be worrisome		
No deependosteal scalloping		
No history of malignancy		
HU < -30 (consistent with intralesional fat)		
If characteristics do not fall into above or below categories, consider lesion Indeterminate.	Indeterminate: Not Clearly Aggressive/Malignant or Benign	"Follow-up recommended either with CT or MRI in 3-6 months."
Zone of transition - (ill- defined, broad, moth eaten)		
Aggressive Periosteal Reaction (lamellated, Codman's triangle, spiculated/sunburst, disorganized)	Aggressive Lesion	X
Bone destruction		Note: If unsure consult MSK rad, order MRI, recommend tissue diagnosis, or Ortho/Oncology consultation.
Erosion		
Endosteal scalloping (> 2/3rds of cortical thickness)		Aggressive CT Bone Lesion Atlas
Soft tissue component (extra osseous soft tissue or solid enhancing component if available)		70 radiology partners®
Greater than 3cm		37 1