



Provider Checklist-Outpatient – Imaging

Checklist: Computed Tomography (CT) Extremity

If suspected fracture, indicate **AT LEAST ONE** of the following:

Intra-articular/long bone **WITH ALL** of the following:

Pain at site;
Pain with passive ROM;
X-ray nondiagnostic for fracture at initial evaluation;
Pain unimproved after immobilization ≥ 2 wks WITH repeat x-ray nondiagnostic for fracture AND bone scan nondiagnostic for fracture

Nondisplaced femoral neck fracture **WITH ALL** of the following:

Hip pain; Hip pain increased by weight bearing/passive ROM; Hip x-ray nondiagnostic for fracture;

OR Scaphoid fracture **WITH ALL** of the following:

Pain at scaphoid;
Pain with passive ROM/palpation of scaphoid;
X-ray nondiagnostic for fracture at initial evaluation;
Pain unimproved after immobilization ≥ 2 wks WITH repeat x-ray nondiagnostic for fracture AND bone scan/MRI nondiagnostic for fracture

Indicate preoperative evaluation of osteomyelitis

If suspected fracture nonunion, indicate **AT LEAST ONE** of the following:

Nondisplaced fracture **WITH ALL** of the following:

Symptoms at site WITH pain by Hx OR sensation of motion;
Findings at site WITH AT LEAST ONE of the following: tenderness; deformity; swelling OR motion;
X-ray nondiagnostic for nonunion
AND Continued symptoms after immobilization ≥ 12 wks





Displaced fracture **WITH ALL** of the following:

Symptoms at site WITH pain by Hx OR sensation of motion;
Findings at site WITH tenderness; deformity > 10 degrees in any plane; swelling OR motion;
X-ray WITH BOTH nondiagnostic for nonunion AND position of bone WITH angulation > 10 degrees in any OR displacement of fracture;
AND Continued symptoms after immobilization ≥ 12 wks

If suspected tarsal coalition, indicate **BOTH** of the following:

Sx/findings **WITH AT LEAST ONE** of the following:

Pain at site; Rigid flatfoot; Pain increased with activity; **OR** Decreased ROM in midfoot and hindfoot

AND X-ray nondiagnostic for tarsal coalition

If suspected bone tumor, indicate **BOTH** of the following:

Indicate sx/findings **WITH p**ain at site OR bone lesion at site by imaging;

Bone scan WITH negative OR single positive site

Indicate follow–up single bone metastasis after Rx **WITH BOTH** initial CT positive at site **AND** after chemotherapy/radiation Rx completed

Indicate follow–up primary bone tumor **WITH BOTH** initial CT positive at site AND periodic assessment **WITH AT LEAST ONE** of the following:

During chemotherapy; After chemotherapy/radiation Rx/surgery completed; **OR** New/worsening sx/findings at site **WITH** pain **OR** swelling/mass