

Anal Cancer

DEFINITIONS

- Initial Work up and Staging refers to imaging studies that are part of the routine evaluation of a patient prior to therapy
- Restaging After Treatment refers to recommendations for studies to be performed regardless of the clinical status of the patient after completion of an episode of treatment.
- Evaluation for Change in Clinical Status refers to examinations ordered to evaluate new or worsening signs and symptoms.
- Surveillance Imaging refers to recommendations for imaging to be performed at intervals following therapy regardless of the clinical status of the patient.

Initial Work Up and Staging

- CT or MRI Chest, Abdomen and Pelvis OR
- PET/CT

Restaging after treatment

Evaluation for Change in Clinical Status

- As clinically indicated

Surveillance Imaging (Patient stable after treatment)

- CT or MRI Chest, Abdomen and Pelvis annually for three years

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