

Occult Primary

NOTE:

Occult Primary, this category applies to PROVEN malignancies without a confirmed primary site. This is NOT the routine to be followed in a search for an Occult Malignancy, i.e. in which a malignancy is highly suspected based on clinical findings, but has not been detected by testing or biopsy.

Carcinoma on biopsy not further categorized

Axillary nodes

- CT chest and abdomen

Cervical Nodes

- Chest CT
- Contrast CT or MRI of Skull base to thoracic inlet
- PET

Inguinal nodes

Bone lesions, skin and multiple locations

- CT chest, abdomen and pelvis
- CT abdomen and pelvis

Mediastinal, chest, pleural nodes, Liver lesions and retroperitoneal mass

- CT chest, abdomen and pelvis

Supraclavicular nodes

- CT neck, chest, abdomen and pelvis

Initial work up

- PET

References

1. ACR Appropriateness Criteria http://www.acr.org/SecondaryMainMenuCategories/quality_safety/app_criteria/pdf/ExpertPanelonNeurologicImaging/EpilepsyDoc3.aspx accessed 11/16/10