

Policy for Multidisciplinary Teams Criteria

When developing or modifying an Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC), the Department of Radiology follows the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidelines when building multidisciplinary teams. A multidisciplinary team is made of a minimum of seven persons. From this group, at least one person from each of the below roles must be present:

- One practicing physician with expertise in the clinical topic
- One practicing physician with expertise in the imaging studies related to the appropriate use criterion
- One expert in statistical analysis
- One expert in clinical trial design
- And at least one primary care physician or practitioner as described in sections 1833(u)(6), 1833(x)(2)(A)(i)(I), and 1833(x)(2)(A)(i)(II) of the Act.

The below diagram provides a sample of one of our multidisciplinary teams. In this example, each radiologist, oncologist, and internist are practicing physicians within the clinical topic (i.e. colon cancer), as well as primary care physicians as defined by the CMS. Each of the radiologists is also imaging experts with subspecialty training within their field of radiology. Lastly, in this example, the Senior Vice Chair is an expert in clinical trial design; and the Vice Chair of Informatics is an expert in statistical analysis.

