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ASAS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REQUESTING AND REPORTING IMAGING EXAMINATIONS IN PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED AXIAL SpondyloArthritis


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Background: Clinicians face uncertainties in their daily practice when requesting imaging examinations for patients with suspected axial spondyloarthritis (axSpA). This project aimed to develop practical consensus recommendations for requesting and reporting imaging in patients with suspected axSpA.

Objectives: This project aimed to develop practical consensus recommendations for the standardized communication around imaging of sacroiliac joints and spine for diagnostic purposes in patients with suspected axSpA or their management in clinical practice.

Methods: An international task force was established combining rheumatologists (n=7), radiologists (n=13) and representatives of the Assessment of SpondyloArthritis International Society (ASAS), two members of Young ASAS and a patient representative. The task force defined the project’s aims and developed a project statement. Then, considering published literature and the work of other groups, two survey rounds were designed, and all ASAS members invited to respond.

Figure 1. ASAS recommendations for requesting and reporting imaging in patients with suspected axial SpondyloArthritis

Conclusion: These ASAS recommendations provide guidance for requesting and reporting imaging examinations in the context of axSpA and for standardizing and enhancing communication between rheumatologists and radiologists to improve diagnosis and patient care.

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