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Access to PET-CT for Prostate Cancer

Request Details

1. Does your trust/ HB have access to PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients?

   a. Yes - Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has access to PET-CT.

2. If you answered "No" to question 1. Would you use PET-CT for the investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence in prostate cancer patients if it were available?

   a. N/A - We already have access to PET-CT.

3. In 2020-21, how many patients do you estimate were investigated for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer at your trust/HB?

   PETIC performed 157 PSMA PET scans in 2020. Of these, 55 were patients of the UHB.

   PETIC has performed 157 PSMA PET scans in 2021 (to date 22/9/21). Of these, 56 were patients the UHB.

4. What percentage of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence do you estimate are referred for PET-CT at your trust/HB?

   All

5. Of patients with suspected biochemical recurrence referred for PET-CT, what % of scans do you estimate use a PSMA tracer (either Ga-PSMA or F-PSMA)?

   100%

6. Are there any exclusion criteria for referral for PET-CT for suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer? If so, what are they? E.g. Upper and lower PSA limits, age, life expectancy, ECOG score.

   PSA >0.2
   Inclusion and exclusion criteria are detailed in the PET commissioning policy for Wales which can be found at:

   https://whssc.nhs.wales/commissioning/whssc-policies/all-policy-documents/positron-emission-tomography-pet-service-specification-cp50b/

7. What do you estimate is the average waiting time for the PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

From all patients scanned in 2020 and 2021, the average time from receipt of request to report is 10 days.

8. What do you estimate is the average time it takes to report PET-CT scans for investigation of suspected biochemical recurrence of prostate cancer?

   1 day from scan.