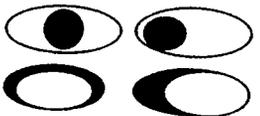


Appendix 7.7

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Figure 1.—Code 7227 Imaging Guidelines and Descriptions

Nodal Diagram	AMI Description	AMI Guideline #	Guerbet Description	Guideline #	Diagnosis
	No blackening of node or node is hyperintense to surrounding tissue; heterogenous or homogenous architecture	1	No signal change, signal increase, homogenous or heterogenous architecture	5,6	Metastatic
	Node has central high signal with darkening along the peripheral rim; heterogenous architecture	2	Localized signal decrease percentage of surface with signal decrease ≤ 50% heterogenous architecture	4	Metastatic
	Partial darkening whereby more than 50% of the node has area of high signal intensity; heterogenous architecture	3	Localized signal decrease percentage of surface with signal decrease ≤ 50% heterogenous architecture	4	Metastatic
	Less than 50% of node has high signal intensity; heterogenous architecture	4	Localized signal decrease percentage of surface signal decrease > 50% heterogenous architecture	3	Possibly Metastatic
	Node having an overall dark signal other than a central or hilar area of fat seen on T1 sequence; heterogenous architecture	5	None*		Nonmetastatic
	Node having an overall dark signal with speckles of subtle granularities; homogenous architecture	6	Diffuse signal decrease heterogenous architecture	2	Nonmetastatic
	Node having an overall dark signal intensity; homogenous architecture	7	Signal decrease homogenous architecture	1	Nonmetastatic

* AMI Guideline #5 equated to Guerbet Guideline #1 or #2 since the lymph node, other than the fat, met this description.