

Update to AIM Specialty Health radiation oncology clinical appropriateness guidelines

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Effective for dates of service on and after January 28, 2019, the following updates will apply to the AIM Specialty Health© (AIM), a separate company, radiation oncology clinical appropriateness guidelines.

Breast cancer

- Removed age and tumor size criteria for accelerated whole breast irradiation (AWBI)

Rectal cancer

- Modified criteria no longer limits treatment with IMRT for rectal adenocarcinoma

Pancreatic cancer

- Added criteria for SBRT in treating locally advanced or recurrent disease without evidence of distant metastasis

Head and neck cancer

- Added criteria to allow IMRT for head and neck lymphomas
- Clarified no IMRT for stage I/II glottic cancer

Lung cancer

- Added DVH parameter for cardiac V50

Sarcoma

- Removed preoperative and joint sparing requirements for IMRT

Prostate cancer

- Added discussion on hypofractionation

- Added discussion on brachytherapy

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- Access AIM's ProviderPortalSM directly at providerportal.com. Online access is available 24/7 to process orders in real-time, and is the fastest and most convenient way to request authorization.
- Access AIM via the Availity Web Portal at availity.com.
- Call the AIM Contact Center toll-free number: 1-800-554-0580, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m. ET.

For questions related to guidelines, please contact AIM via email at aim.guidelines@aimspecialtyhealth.com. Additionally, you may access and download a copy of the current guidelines on AIM's [website](#).

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