

Evidence Discussion

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- Patients presenting with potential abdominal sepsis or abscess is an urgent clinical concern. As such, patients with abdominal symptoms and fever or elevated WBC count (or any red flag) do not require any further evaluation prior to advanced imaging. CT scan of the abdomen and/or pelvis with contrast is usually the appropriate study for evaluation
- Interval imaging for abscesses or other fluid collections may be needed especially following catheter drainage. Either ultrasound or CT imaging is considered appropriate for serial imaging. No timeframe is placed on serial imaging and need is based on the unique clinical course of the patient.

References:

1. ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Acute (nonlocalized) Abdominal Pain and Fever or Suspected Abdominal Abscess. American College of Radiology, Published 2012. Rev. 2018.

