Amyloid Brain Imaging

When should amyloid PET Imaging be used to help diagnose Alzheimer’s?

Evaluation by dementia expert to assess need for diagnostic testing

- Cognitive complaint with objectively confirmed impairment?
- Uncertain diagnosis?
- Increased certainty in the diagnosis and altered treatment plan likely?

INAPPROPRIATE
- 65 or older and meet standard definitions and tests for Alzheimer’s
- No clinical confirmation of impairment
- To determine dementia severity
- Requested solely based on a family history of dementia
- As a substitute for genotyping
- For non-medical reasons

APPROPRIATE
- Persistent or progressive unexplained memory problems and impairments demonstrated by standard medical exams
- Unusual clinical presentation
- Atypically early age of onset

IMPACT ON PATIENT CARE
- Change in medication management
- Change in ordering other tests
- Value of knowing

KEEP IN MIND
- Amyloid PET imaging is only part of the diagnosis

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