

## Request for Individual Consideration for Coverage "Virtual Colonoscopy"

I am referring \_\_\_\_\_ to **Advanced Body Scan of Newport** for a virtual colonoscopy, a recently developed technique that uses a CT scanner and computer reconstruction with virtual reality software to produce 3-D images of the interior wall of the large bowel. I consider this test to be medically indicated and necessary. My patient has the following clinical indication.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Colorectal Cancer Screening Exam:** My patient is at risk for colorectal cancer due to one of the following: blood in the stool, a change in bowel habits, a family or personal history of colorectal polyps or cancer, inflammatory bowel disease, age greater than 50 years or family history of hereditary colon polyps and authorization for a screening virtual colonoscopy is requested.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Incomplete Colonoscopy due to an inability to pass the colonoscope proximally:** A colonoscopy has already been attempted on my patient but was incomplete secondary to (circle all that apply) an obstructing lesion, stricture, muscle spasm, redundant colon, diverticulitis, extrinsic compression, or aberrant anatomy from prior surgery and authorization for a virtual colonoscopy is being requested to complete the colon exam.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Preoperative assessment of obstructive colon neoplasm:** My patient has an obstructive colon neoplasm (defined as a tumor that cannot be traversed endoscopically) and authorization for a virtual colonoscopy is requested to evaluate the colon proximal to the tumor prior to surgery.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Evaluation of submucosal abnormality:** A submucosal abnormality was detected during on an optical colonoscopy exam and a diagnostic virtual colonoscopy is requested for further evaluation of this lesion.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Medically unfit for conventional optical colonoscopy:** My patient has an indication for conventional colonoscopy but has a medical condition that makes him/her unfit for this procedure. Such conditions include the need for anticoagulation, an increased sedation risk or history of prior perforation from optical colonoscopy.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Frail, Elderly Patients:** My patient is aged or infirmed and requires examination of colon which is more easily examined by Virtual Colonoscopy than by conventional colonoscopy or barium enema with high diagnostic accuracy for pathology that would be relevant in this age group.

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