



ECIBC recommendation on PET-CT staging exams for breast cancer – clinical stage III: Summary of multiple comparisons

Comparisons	18F-FDG PET-CT vs. conventional staging exams	conventional staging exams plus 18F-FDG PET-CT vs. conventional staging exams
Certainty of evidence	Low	Low
Balance of effects	Probably favors the intervention	Probably favors the intervention
Resources required	Moderate costs	Moderate costs
Cost effectiveness	No included studies	No included studies
Equity	Probably reduced	Probably reduced
Acceptability	Probably yes	Probably yes
Feasibility	Varies	Varies

The comparison of conventional staging exams plus PET-CT vs. PET-CT alone was not made, but the GDG agreed that adding conventional staging exams to PET-CT staging provides no additional benefit and incurs extra cost and direct harm from the additional tests carried out.