

ACR Appropriateness Criteria® Patient Age Definitions

Definition of terms used to describe patient age information in the ACR Appropriateness Criteria® topics.

Neonate – birth to one month old [1].

Infant – birth to one year old [2].

Child – birth to 18 years old, unless otherwise specified [3].

Adolescent – A transitional stage of physical development occurring between puberty and adulthood [4].

Adult – greater than 18 years old, unless otherwise specified.

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