

Imaging in pelvic exenteration—a multidisciplinary practice guide from the ESGAR-SAR-ESUR-PelvEx collaborative group

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Joint clinical practice guidelines by ESGAR, SAR, ESUR, and the PelvEx Collaborative standardise imaging protocols and reporting for pelvic exenteration to improve preoperative assessment and facilitate multidisciplinary decision-making in advanced pelvic malignancies.

KEY POINTS

- MRI is mandatory for local staging in pelvic exenteration, with CT and PET/CT also pivotal in assessing cancer extent and formulating a surgical roadmap.
- Structured reporting using the provided template is recommended to ensure clear and precise imaging reports.
- Multidisciplinary review of imaging is critical for surgical planning in pelvic exenteration cases.
- Pelvic exenteration, requiring en-bloc resection of multiple pelvic organs, has shown promise in enhancing long-term survival and is now comparable in surgical mortality to elective resections for primary pelvic cancers.
- These guidelines are intended for multidisciplinary teams involved in the preoperative assessment and treatment planning of advanced pelvic cancers.

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