

Anticipated clinical pathway for staging of confirmed muscle invasive bladder cancer*

Radiological work up**

In order to determine

- Extent of local tumour invasion
 - Nodal involvement
 - Distant disease

CT chest, abdomen and pelvis

- Assessment of both local and distant disease (>T3b)

Recommendation based on well conducted trials without randomisation

+/-MRI pelvis

- Has some advantage for local staging over CT

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+/-FDG-PET

- No evidence for routine use

Recommendation based on meta-analysis of non randomised clinical trials

+/-Bone scan

- No evidence for routine use
- considered when bone alkaline phosphatase elevated or symptoms suggesting bone metastases

Recommendation made in absence of directly applicable trials