

Patient Advocate Foundation reported 1,436 patients during the period of January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008 with imaging issues. Patients are already having issues with trying to pay their out of pocket cost for therapeutic imaging. By the time the case reaches Patient Advocate Foundation that patient is traditionally non-complaint with treatment protocol simply because they can not afford their out of pocket cost.

The cases outlined below reported issues with:

- Out of network reimbursement
- Benefit exclusion
- Experimental/ investigational
- Annual maximum met per contract
- Co-Pay assistance/Co-Insurance
- Routine scans denied due to association to clinical trial
- Pre-Existing
- Uninsured, no access to care

Bone Scan

Breast Cancer	6
Colon Cancer	6
Prostate Cancer	2
Cancer, Unknown Primary	1
Diabetes	1
Lymphoma (Non-Hodgkin)	1
Osteoporosis	1
Penile Cancer	1
Rectal Cancer	1
Bone Scan Total	20

CT, Whole Body Scan

Breast Cancer	103
Lung Cancer	46
Colon Cancer	31
Lymphoma (Non-Hodgkin)	24
Ovarian Cancer	23
Prostate Cancer	23
Leukemia	21
Kidney Cancer	18
Pancreatic Cancer	17
Screening for Symptoms	16
CT, whole body scan Total	545

Diagnostic Ultrasound

Breast Cancer	44
Screening for Symptoms	22
Ovarian Cancer	8
Prostate Cancer	7
Cervical Cancer	7
Lung Cancer	4
Testicular Cancer	3
Pending Information	3
Pancreatic Cancer	3
Endometrial Cancer	3
Diagnostic Ultrasound Total	144

Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Breast Cancer	154
Lung Cancer	59
Breast Cancer	49
Brain Cancer	22
Lymphoma (Non-Hodgkin's)	19
Prostate Cancer	17
Screening for Symptoms	14
Pancreatic Cancer	11
Multiple Sclerosis	11
Sarcoma	10
Magnetic Resonance Imaging Total	499

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Breast Cancer	1
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Positron Emission Tomog (PET)

Colon Cancer	42
Lung Cancer	35
Breast Cancer	30
Lymphoma (Non-Hodgkin's)	20
Hodgkins Disease	8
Melanoma	7
Pancreatic Cancer	6
Throat Cancer	4
Ovarian Cancer	4
Colorectal Cancer	4
Positron Emission Tomog (PET) Total	227



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