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NCCN Commercial Licensing and Permissions Process

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If you would like any further information concerning NCCN or NCCN Content, please visit our website at www.nccn.org.

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NCCN Firewall

- NCCN imposes strict policies to shield the guideline’s development process from external influences.
- The “firewall” surrounding the NCCN Guidelines **processes includes:**
 - Financial support policies
 - Panel participation and communication policies
 - Guidelines disclosure policies
 - Policies regarding relationships to NCCN’s other business development activities.
- NCCN does not accept any form of industry or other external financial support for the guideline development program.
- Development of NCCN Guidelines is supported exclusively by NCCN Member Institution dues.

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Permissions Process

- **Process to submit**
 - Please login to [NCCN.org/permissions](https://www.nccn.org/permissions) to access the Permissions Request Form.
 - Please upload draft materials directly to the Permissions Request Form.
 - Please do not submit the Form without draft materials uploaded.
- **Helpful Guidance materials:**
 - Permissions 101 webinar
 - NCCN Referencing Guidance
 - FAQ section
- **View Existing Permissions:**
 - New customer status dashboard
 - Quick status check for the Permission Request you submitted
 - Status key gives further details regarding request

- <https://www.nccn.org/guidelines/permission-to-cite-or-use-nccn-content>

Permission to Cite or Use NCCN Content

- Treatment by Cancer Type
- Detection, Prevention, and Risk Reduction
- Supportive Care
- Specific Populations
- Guidelines for Patients
- Guidelines With Evidence Blocks
- NCCN Framework for Resource Stratification +
- Harmonized Guidelines
- International Adaptations and Translations
- NCCN Mobile Apps
- Guidelines Process +
- Guidelines Panels and Disclosure +
- Permission to Cite or Use NCCN Content**
- Recently Updated Guidelines

NEW PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING PERMISSIONS REQUEST FORMS – Please log in to access the **Permissions Request Form**. Please upload your PDF draft materials directly to the form.

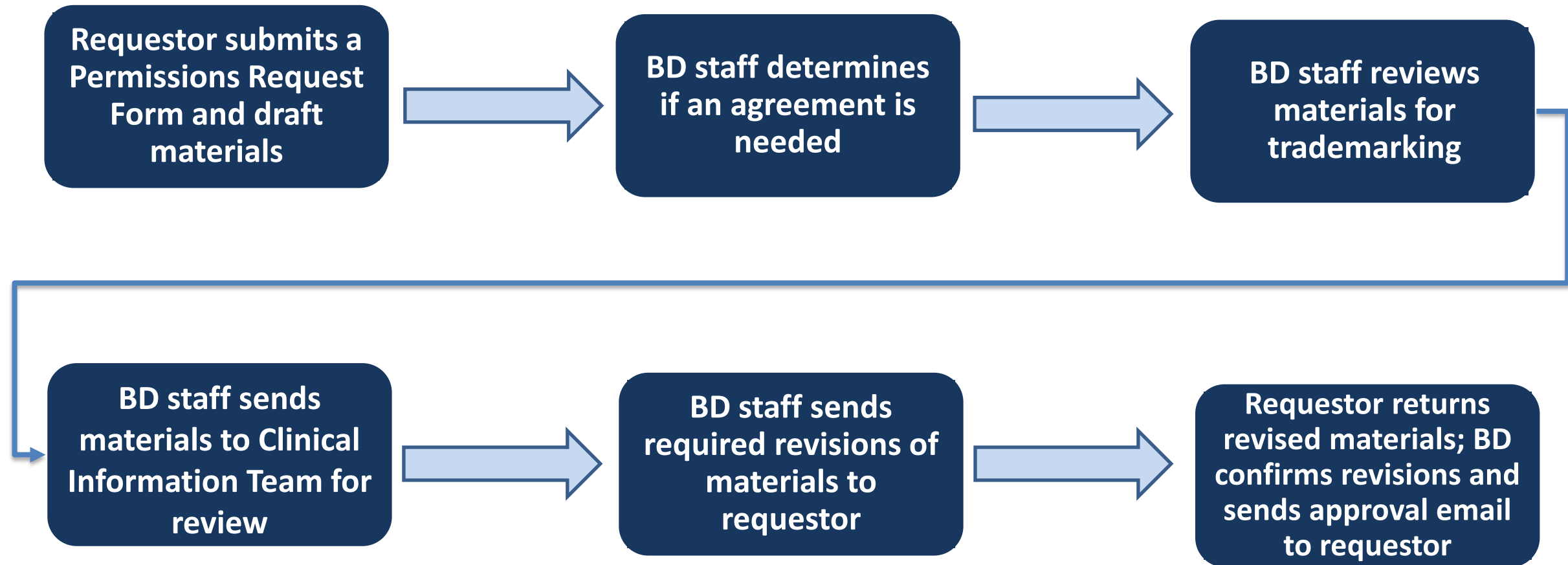
If your organization would like to use, reproduce, and/or distribute NCCN Content for any purpose, please review the applicable information below, log in to NCCN.org, and complete the **Permissions Request Form**. Please also view this **Permissions 101 Webinar** and informative **slide set** on how to properly cite NCCN Content and submit your materials for approval.

[Permissions Request Form](#) [View Existing Permissions](#)

NCCN Permissions Request Policies:

- All materials that reference NCCN Content must go through the permissions request process (see **Legal Notices**)
- All requests must be submitted online via the form below
- Permission for use of NCCN Content is not guaranteed; NCCN must review intended use for accuracy and context
- Permissions and use fees vary depending upon quantity, specific use, format, etc.
- Materials submitted for review must be NCCN Content and not be credited to another source
- NCCN makes every effort to process permissions requests within 7-10 business days
- Submitted materials that do not reflect the most updated NCCN Guidelines version may be delayed
- See **NCCN Referencing Guidance** for important information on how to properly reference

Permissions Process Overview



Draft Submission Requirements



All drafts should be uploaded to the Permissions Request Form at [NCCN.org/permissions](https://nccn.org/permissions)

Draft Requirements*

- All drafts must be submitted in a readable and searchable PDF format.
- On the first page, please list all pages in which NCCN Content/references are located.
- On all pages, please highlight and/or box the NCCN Content to be reviewed.
- Please superscript all NCCN Content throughout your materials.
- Submit only the slides or pages that contain NCCN Content.
- Please cite the Permission Request # assigned to your request on all communications.
- **Failure to adhere to the following Draft Requirements will result in your permissions request being voided.**

Audio/Video Recorded Content:

- If content is scripted, submit the script to NCCN **prior** to recording.
- If content is un-scripted, it will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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- The most current NCCN Content/Guideline version must be used.
 - *NCCN will not review material that references outdated content and will request an updated draft prior to initiating the review process.*
- Appropriate NCCN branding/trademarking standards must be followed.
- Appropriate credit language must be added.
- Content must be consistent with the original NCCN Guidelines and cannot appear to be favoring a specific product unless this is specified in the NCCN Guidelines.

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Using the NCCN Logo

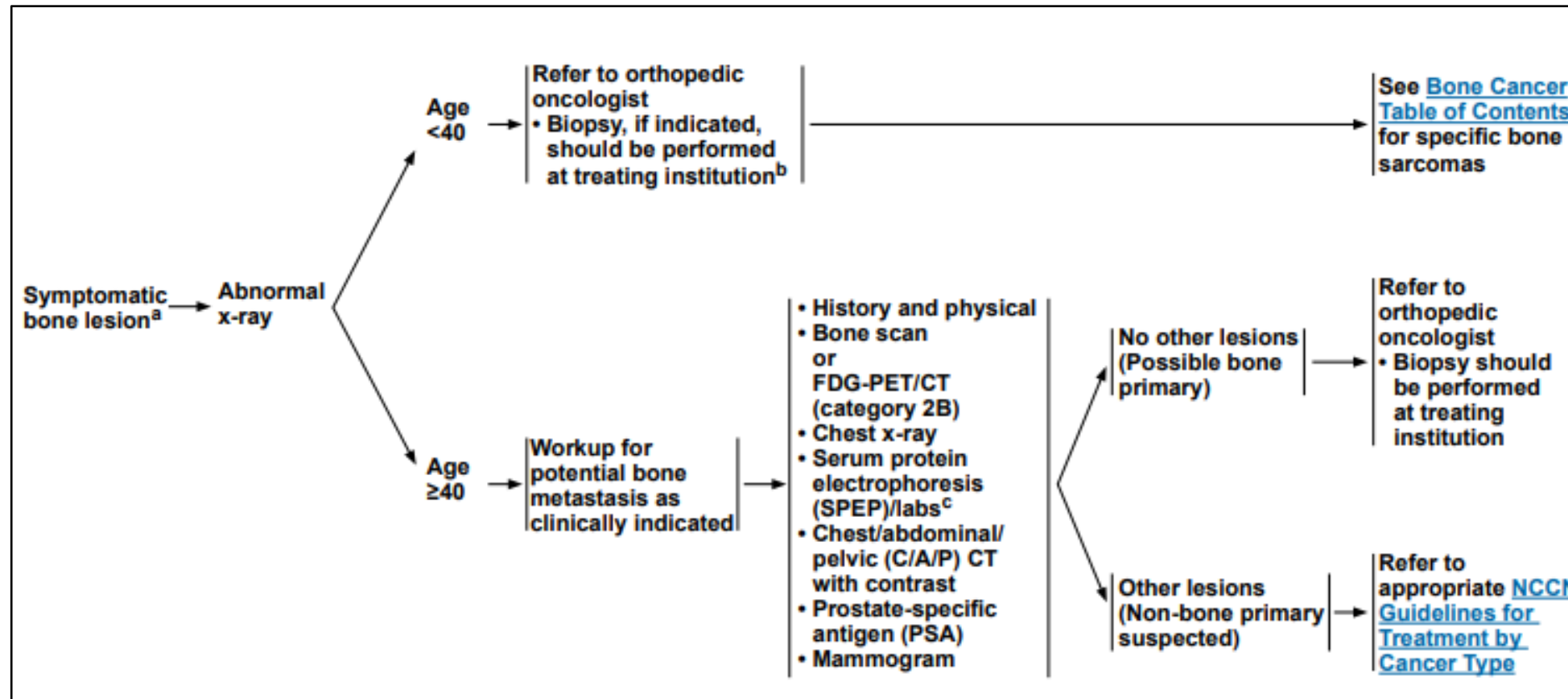


- The NCCN logo cannot be used in whole or in part in any commercial materials.

Use of Third-Party Content

- Any other use of third-party content (i.e., staging tables or citation from *JNCCN*) requires permission from the original source.

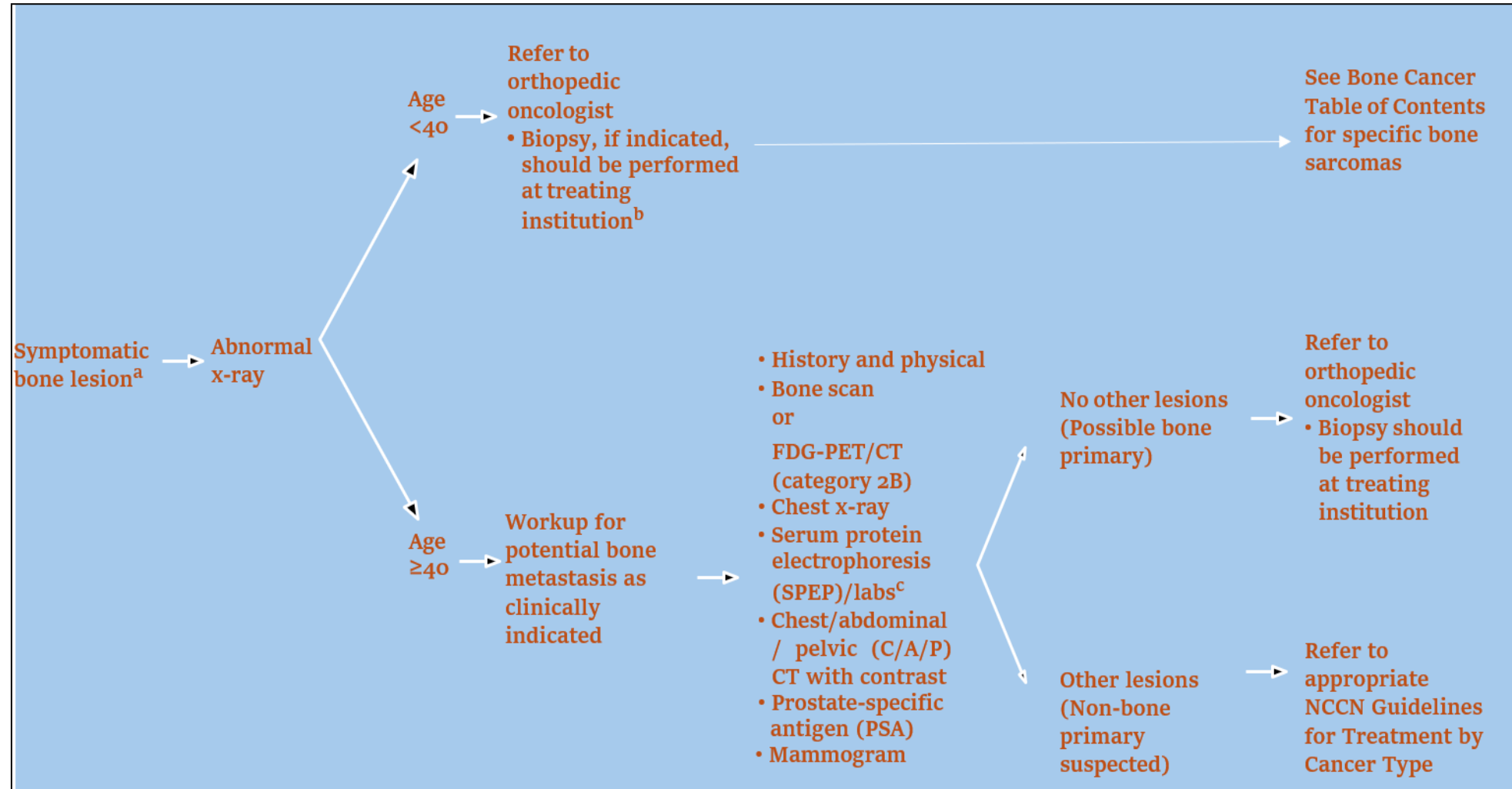
Algorithms in Promotional Materials:



Improper Use

Algorithms must be adapted significantly if used commercially.
Screenshots cannot be utilized.

Algorithms in Promotional Materials:



Proper Use

How to appropriately adapt an algorithm or table:

- Remove NCCN logo, headers, footers, and clinical trial information.
- Add appropriate reference statement specific to adapted algorithms.
- Change font, spacing, style, coloring, etc. (content should be distinguishable from an algorithm page in the NCCN Guidelines).

Referencing Recommendations included within NCCN Guidelines

- **Generic Drug Names** – NCCN Guidelines always recommend the generic, and do not recommend a brand.
- **NCCN Recommendation is a treatment OPTION.**
- **Do not use the phrase “standard of care”** when referring to recommendations in the NCCN Guidelines.
- **The term “certain patients” may be used** if the full NCCN recommendation cannot be listed on a piece due to regulatory requirements or space limitations.
- **If including both the NCCN Category of Evidence and the NCCN Category of Preference,** the Category of Evidence should be first, followed by the Category of Preference.
- **Caution should be used when making “only” statements regarding NCCN Guidelines.**
- **Stay true to how the NCCN recommendation is written and avoid subjective commentary.**
 - For example, avoid “highest recommendation,” use “preferred” only when explicitly noted, and avoid oversimplification of recommendations.

NCCN and NCCN Guidelines must be referenced according to the NCCN written identity

When “NCCN” is mentioned:

- First Mention: National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)
- All Other Mentions: NCCN

When “NCCN Guidelines” are mentioned:

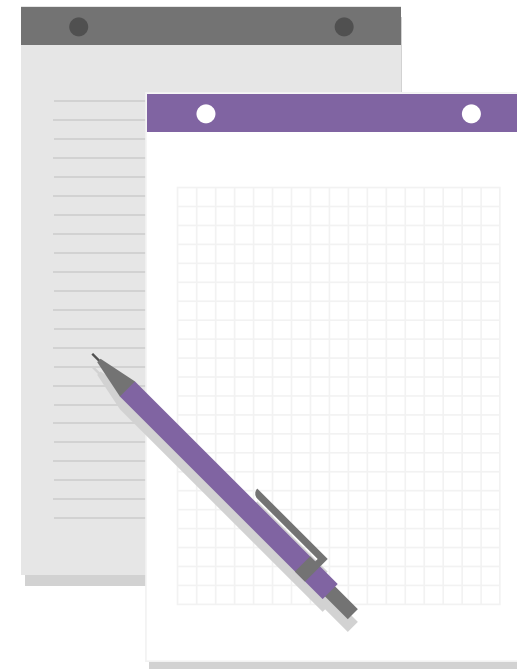
- First Mention: NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines In Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)
- Second Mention: NCCN Guidelines®
- All Other Mentions: NCCN Guidelines

Please note that trademarks cannot be combined.

When “Category” is mentioned:

- First Mention: NCCN Category X
- All Other Mentions: NCCN Category X or Category X (either one is acceptable)

Please note that “Category” mentions are separate from NCCN organization and NCCN Guideline mentions.



NCCN and NCCN Guidelines Content must Contain Superscripts

Correct Superscript Example:

Lung Cancer Risk Factors:

- A. Ionizing radiation exposure¹
- B. Age²
- C. Prolonged exposure to cigarette smoke³

1. Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines[®]) for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer V.X.20XX. © National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. 20XX. All rights reserved. Accessed [Month and Day, Year]. To view the most recent and complete version of the guideline, go online to NCCN.org.
2. Reference 2
3. Reference 3

NCCN Mentioning in Subject Lines and Preheader Text/ Website Tabs

Email Subject Lines:

Mention of “NCCN” use NCCN

Mention of “NCCN Guidelines” use NCCN Guidelines®

Preheader Text (always use the first mention):

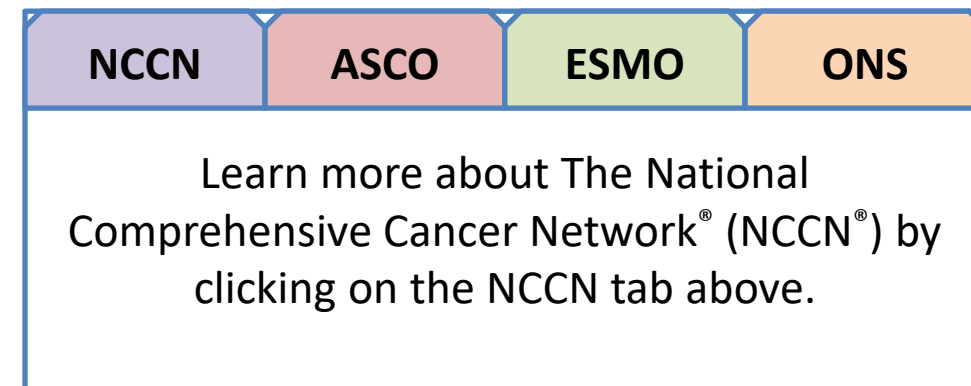
Mention of “NCCN” use National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)

Mention of “NCCN Guidelines” use NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®)

Website Tabs:

Mention of “NCCN” use NCCN

Mention of “NCCN Guidelines” use NCCN Guidelines®



The Proper Method for Referencing and Adapting NCCN Guidelines

Proper citing when referencing:

Referenced with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Guideline Name V.X.202X. © National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. 202X. All rights reserved. Accessed [Month and Day, Year]. To view the most recent and complete version of the guideline, go online to [NCCN.org](https://www.nccn.org).

Proper citing when adapting an NCCN Figure/Algorithm:

Adapted with permission from the NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines®) for Guideline Name V.X.202X. © 202X National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Inc. All rights reserved. The NCCN Guidelines® and illustrations herein may not be reproduced in any form for any purpose without the express written permission of NCCN. To view the most recent and complete version of the NCCN Guidelines, go online to [NCCN.org](https://www.nccn.org). The NCCN Guidelines are a work in progress that may be refined as often as new significant data becomes available.

No Warranties Statement

Please include on all materials that reference NCCN or the NCCN Guidelines:

- **No Warranties Statement**

NCCN makes no warranties of any kind whatsoever regarding their content, use or application and disclaims any responsibility for their application or use in any way.

Common Submission Issues & How to Avoid Them

Use Correct Trademarking

- Please have the correct NCCN reference statements and written identity completed for draft submission.

Follow the Process

- Please upload your materials directly to the Permissions Request Form. Please do not submit a Request Form if your draft materials are not ready yet.

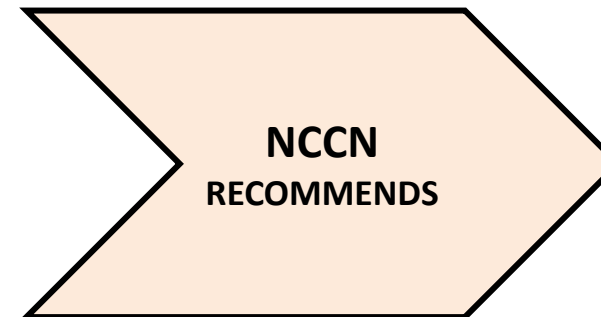
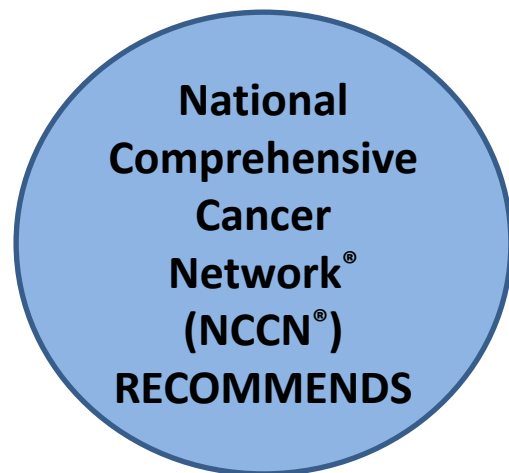
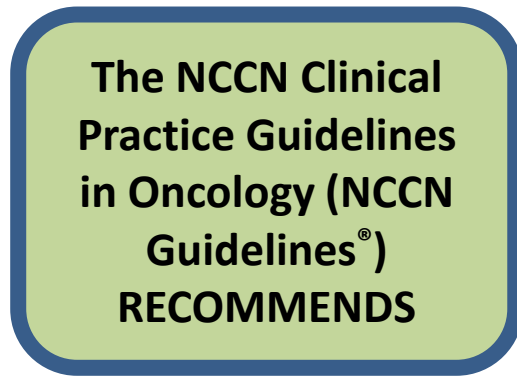
Complete the Request Form Accurately and in Detail

- Please complete all fields on the Permissions Request Form.
- Please check all Guidelines being referenced, area of distribution, and how many copies/views-these are most helpful for quoting purposes.

Escalate Requests Appropriately

- If you do not receive responses within the stated timeframe, please email the contact you are working with directly on the request and cc: permissionsrequest@nccn.org.

“Seal of Approval” Artwork **NOT PERMITTED**



“Seal of Approval” Artwork PERMITTED

NCCN
RECOMMENDS

Generic (brand name) is an NCCN Category 2a Preferred option for patients with renal cancer....

NCCN GUIDELINES[®]
RECOMMENDS

The NCCN Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology (NCCN Guidelines[®]) recommend...

NCCN
Recommends

Generic drug (brand name) is a recommended by The National Comprehensive Cancer Network[®] (NCCN[®]) as an NCCN Category 2a option

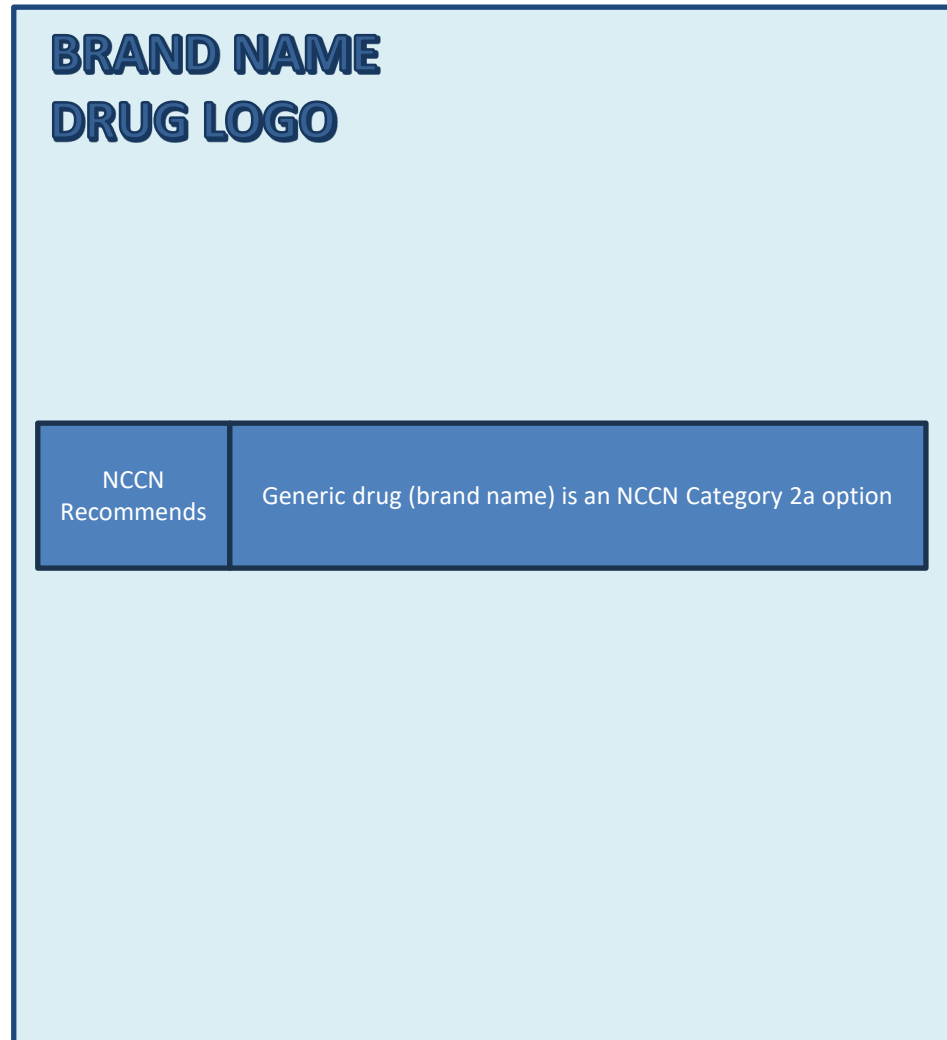
The National Comprehensive Cancer Network[®] (NCCN[®])

Generic drug (brand name) is an NCCN Category 2A option....

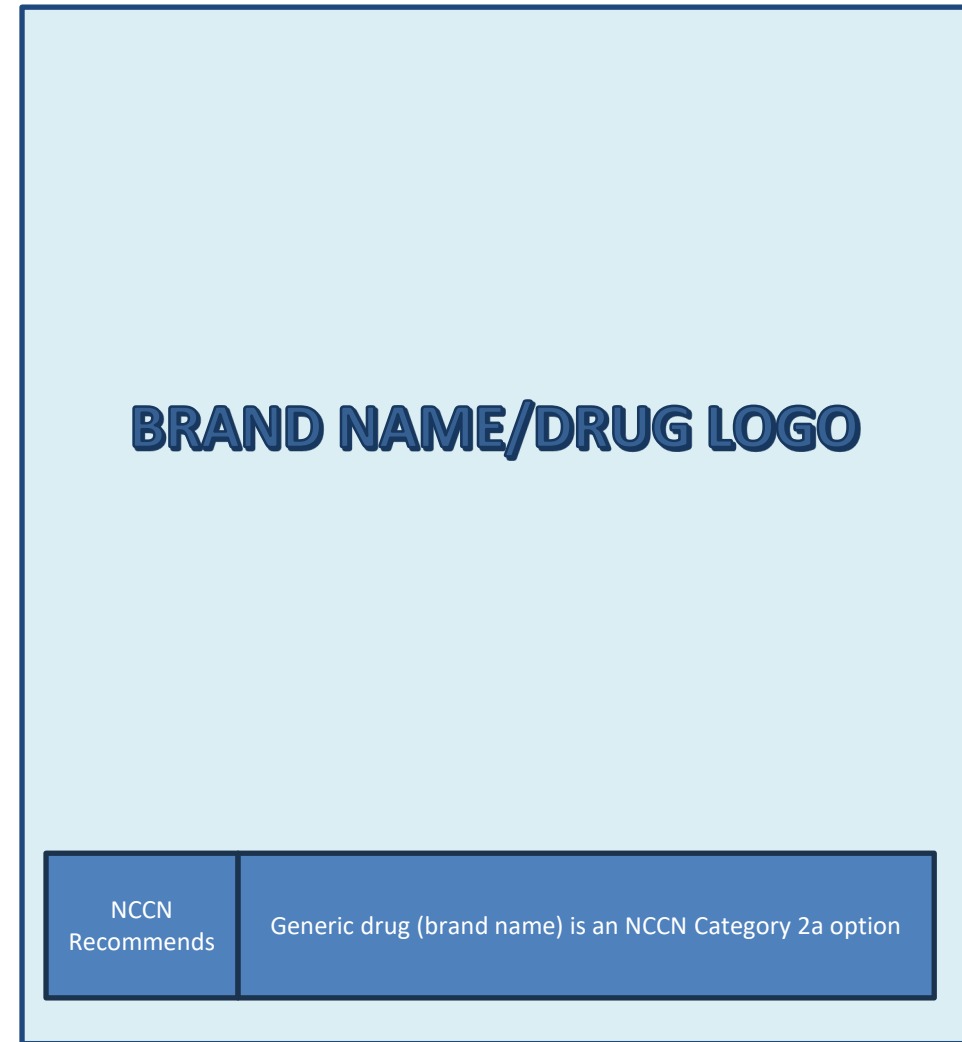
We will allow your banner but please note that the two pieces making up your banner must stay attached in a banner format. The left piece of the banner cannot be unattached from the right piece of the banner and used as a separate entity somewhere else in your piece or as a separate entity in future materials. If the left piece were to be utilized in your materials as a separate entity, it would give off the appearance of a “seal of approval”. NCCN does not permit anything that looks like a “seal of approval”.

Proximity of NCCN Name to the Brand Name

- The NCCN name cannot be located directly next to the Brand name/logo
- The NCCN name cannot be located directly above or below the Brand name/logo
- There must be a significant amount of space between the location of the NCCN name and the Brand name/logo
- Brand logo must be removed from slides that contain NCCN content, only



Example 1: If the brand name/logo is located at the top of the material(s), the NCCN mention must be located close to the middle of the material(s) or further **down** the page.



Example 2: If the brand name/logo is located in the middle of the piece, the NCCN mention must be located at the bottom of the page or close to the top of the page. If NCCN is close to the top of the page, please make sure NCCN does not appear as the title of the material(s).

Use of Checkmarks in Materials

- ✓ Any artwork that contains checkmarks/symbols and comes across as an NCCN logo/stamp or NCCN “Seal of Approval” will not be permitted.
- ✓ Checkmarks located directly next to the NCCN name may denote a seal of approval and are not permitted
- ✓ Checkmarks located directly next to your company’s brand name/logo are not permitted
- ✓ Checkmarks *may* be utilized as bullet points in charts and diagrams, but the brand name, brand logo, or NCCN name may not be included in the diagram and/or chart.
- ✓ **Key Takeaway:** Try your best to avoid the use of any symbols or checkmarks in the materials that you submit to NCCN. This will ensure a timely review with fewer revisions. If you are using checkmarks and symbols, we will provide you with feedback if necessary.

Helpful Hints

- Guideline Version Updates: Please update your materials as NCCN Guidelines update.
- If you are submitting several materials using the same language, you can submit them together under one Permissions Request Form.
- If timing precludes submitting together, submit a new Permissions Request Form for each draft.
 - Annotate phrases and citations in the new piece referencing formerly approved material by indicating the previous Request #.
- Reply to the most recent communication emailed from NCCN to maintain the chain of communication.
- Please make all changes indicated by NCCN; these are required revisions, not suggestions.
- NCCN processes Requests on a first-in, first-out basis; we cannot accommodate “rushed” or “expedited” submissions.
 - Please note that we are averaging 10 business days. We ask that you work this into your timeline.
- You may continue to submit your material(s) under the original email thread in which the materials were previously approved if you’re submitting minor updates to the content and you have a current Commercial Licensing agreement in place.

Last Minute Reminders

NCCN Permission is not needed for....

- Press Releases
- Internal Documents
- Documents referencing NCCN Content for SEC filings
- Content that is used for Annual Earnings Report meetings



Finally...

- We do not approve materials in anticipation of potential inclusion in the NCCN Guidelines. All materials submitted must reflect NCCN recommendations within the currently published NCCN Guidelines.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Permission to Cite or Use NCCN Content FAQs

COVID-19 Resources

Treatment by Cancer Type

Detection, Prevention,
and Risk Reduction

Supportive Care

Specific Populations

Guidelines for Patients

Guidelines With Evidence
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NCCN Framework For
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Requesting Permission

1. How do I access the Permissions Request Form?

Please log in to NCCN.org, or create an account if you do not already have one. After logging in, go to NCCN.org/permissions if you are not automatically directed back to this page. The Permissions Request Form will appear at the bottom of the page with your contact information pre-filled into the form.

2. Do I need to include my materials when submitting the Permission Request Form?

Yes. Please do not submit a request for materials review without uploading your materials to the **Permissions Request Form**. If we receive a request without any materials attached, we will ask that you please submit a new Permissions Request Form, and the original request will be voided.

3. I cited a version of the NCCN Guidelines that was updated after our Permission Request was approved. Do I need to submit my materials again for NCCN Review?

Yes. The approved materials should be updated with the current Guidelines version number and submitted again. If the content of the materials was impacted by the Guidelines update, it should be revised to reflect the current content of the Guidelines. All changes to the previously approved materials should be explicitly called out in the updated submission.

4. If the algorithm stays the same in a specific guideline, but the guideline version updates, do we need to update our materials to reference the latest version, even if no other changes occurred?

NCCN Website
contains 48 FAQs
related to:



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