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NCCN Guidelines Panel: Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer

I respectfully request the NCCN – Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Panel to review the enclosed data for inclusion of the Integrated Classifier in the CLINICAL PRESENTATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT for Incidental finding of nodule suspicious for lung cancer.

Specific Changes: Recommend revisions to DIAG-1, RISK ASSESSMENT, addition of a third category Biomarker factor\*, between Patient factors and Radiologic factors, with “●Integrated Classifier blood test should be considered” in the new category, and the corresponding asterix footnote reading, \*A blood test, the integrated classifier (Nodify XL2®, Biodesix Inc), is an option to help guide active surveillance decisions in patients with newly discovered solid lung nodules 8-30 mm in diameter and a pretest probability of cancer at ≤50%.

FDA Clearance: FDA clearance is not required for this assay because the assay is performed at a laboratory at Biodesix. The assays performed by the Biodesix laboratories are regulated and certified under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA), and the College of American Pathologists (CAP). Additional regulatory approval is supported by noting that the Integrated Classifier has received CMS MoIDx approval.

Rationale: This assay was developed with over 1,500 patient samples and now clinical experience confirms a predicted cancer risk classification change of 55% of 2,014 tested nodule patients (12) to very low risk so healthcare providers can recommend active surveillance with confidence.

The following articles are submitted in support of this recommendation.

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Development, validation, analytical validation, regulatory:

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3. Vachani A, Pass HI, Rom WN, et al. Validation of a multiprotein plasma classifier to identify benign lung nodules. *J Thorac Onc* 2015;10:629-637.
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5. CMS MoIDx WPS L37216. [MoIDX: BDX-XL2 Local Coverage Determinations \(noridianmedicare.com\)](https://www.noridianmedicare.com/moidx/bdx-xl2-local-coverage-determinations). Accessed 12/20/2020.

Clinical validation, extended analyses:

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7. Tanner NT, Springmeyer SC, Porter A, Jett J, Mazzone P, Vachani A, Silvestri G. Assessment of Integrated Classifier's Ability to Distinguish Benign from Malignant Lung Nodules: Extended Analyses and 2 Year Follow-Up Results of the PANOPTIC (Pulmonary Nodule Plasma Proteomic Classifier) Trial. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chest.2020.10.069>

Clinical utility publications

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Telemedicine and COVID-19

11. Springmeyer SC, Jett J, Bhadra K, Kheir F, Majid A. Managing Lung Nodules Using Telemedicine and Molecular Biomarkers During the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Chest*. 2020 Oct;158(4):1794-1795. doi: 10.1016/j.chest.2020.05.574

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