

Fleischner Criteria

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Recommendations for Follow-up and Management of Nodules Smaller than 8 mm Detected Incidentally at Nonscreening CT

Nodule Size (mm)*	Low-Risk Patient†	High-Risk Patient‡
≤4	No follow-up needed§	Follow-up CT at 12 mo; if unchanged, no further follow-up
>4-6	Follow-up CT at 12 mo; if unchanged, no further follow-up	Initial follow-up CT at 6-12 mo then at 18-24 mo if no change
>6-8	Initial follow-up CT at 6-12 mo then at 18-24 mo if no change	Initial follow-up CT at 3-6 mo then at 9-12 and 24 mo if no change
>8	Follow-up CT at around 3, 9, and 24 mo, dynamic contrast-enhanced CT, PET, and/or biopsy	Same as for low-risk patient

Note.—Newly detected indeterminate nodule in persons 35 years of age or older.

* Average of length and width.

† Minimal or absent history of smoking and of other known risk factors.

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§ The risk of malignancy in this category (<1%) is substantially less than that in a baseline CT scan of an asymptomatic smoker.

|| Nonsolid (ground-glass) or partly solid nodules may require longer follow-up to exclude indolent adenocarcinoma.