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Diagnostic Evaluation of Erectile Dysfunction (ED)

Diagnostic studies used to evaluate the pathophysiology of erectile dysfunction (ED) should be individualized for each patient.

Studies used for the diagnostic evaluation of ED should be limited in general to the tests which are needed to identify the treatment options available to each patient, taking into account each patient's unique clinical status and treatment preferences.

The patient who wishes to identify the cause or causes of his erectile dysfunction as organic and/or psychogenic, vascular and other testing are useful, but the patient must be provided information permitting an informed decision to seek testing which is not essential to the selection of treatment options. Extensive vascular testing is not indicated for the diagnostic evaluation of every ED patient.

Ethical medical practice requires that diagnostic, therapeutic and other decisions must be made solely for the benefit of the patient and must be made without regard for the benefit of the health care provider.