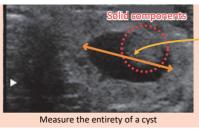
Thyroid Examination: Handling of Cysts with Solid Components

Cysts with solid components are all judged as nodules.



When the maximum size of a cyst with solid components (the length of the orange arrow) is 5.1 mm or larger, the examinee is diagnosed as Grade B.

- · Cysts partially containing solid components (cells) are called cystic nodules or cysts with solid components.
- They are treated as equivalents to ordinary cysts in general medical examinations. Even when the Confirmatory Examination is conducted, they are deemed unlikely to cause problems and are placed under follow-up observations.

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Some cysts contain nodules. In the Thyroid Examination conducted in the Fukushima Health Management Survey, those cysts with solid components (nodules) are all judged as nodules and diagnosis criteria for nodules are applied.

For example, a 10 mm-cyst with a 4 mm-nodule is judged as a nodule and diagnosis criteria for nodules are applied. As the size is larger than 5.1 mm, the examinee is diagnosed as Grade B and is advised to receive the Confirmatory Examination.

Items judged as fluid-only cysts are considered to be benign.

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