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Table 1: AUA Risk Stratification for Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer*

Low Risk	Intermediate Risk	High Risk
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low grade (LG) solitary Ta ≤3 cm • Papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recurrence within 1 year, LG Ta • Solitary LG Ta >3 cm • LG Ta, multifocal • High grade (HG) Ta, ≤3 cm • LG T1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HG T1 • Any recurrent, HG Ta • HG Ta, >3 cm (or multifocal) • Any carcinoma in situ (CIS) • Any BCG failure in HG patient • Any variant histology • Any lymphovascular invasion • Any HG prostatic urethral involvement

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Table 2: Low-Risk,¹ Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Test	Year						
	1	2	3	4	5	5–10	>10
Cystoscopy	3, 12			Annually		As clinically indicated	
Upper tract ² and abdominal/pelvic ³ imaging ⁴	Baseline imaging		As clinically indicated				
Blood tests	N/A						
Urine tests	N/A						

¹ See Table 1: AUA Risk Stratification for Non-Muscle Invasive Bladder Cancer definitions on BL-E (1 of 5) above.

² Upper tract imaging includes CTU, MRU, intravenous pyelogram (IVP), retrograde pyelography, or ureteroscopy.

³ Abdominal/pelvic imaging includes CT or MRI.

⁴ See Principles of Imaging for Bladder/Urothelial Cancer (BL-A).

⁵ Urine cytology should be done at time of cystoscopy if bladder in situ.

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Table 3: Intermediate Risk,¹ Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Test	Year						
	1	2	3	4	5	5–10	>10
Cystoscopy	3, 6, 12		Every 6 mo	Annually		As clinically indicated	
Upper tract ² and abdominal/pelvic ³ imaging ⁴	Baseline imaging		As clinically indicated				
Blood tests	N/A						
Urine tests	Urine cytology ⁵ 3, 6, 12		Urine cytology every 6 mo	Annually		As clinically indicated	

Table 4: High-Risk,¹ Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

Test	Year						
	1	2	3	4	5	5–10	>10
Cystoscopy	Every 3 mo		Every 6 mo		Annually	As clinically indicated	
Upper tract ² imaging ⁴	Baseline imaging, and at 12 mo		Every 1–2 y				As clinically indicated
Abdominal/pelvic ³ imaging ⁴	Baseline imaging		As clinically indicated				
Blood tests	N/A						
Urine tests	• Urine cytology ⁵ every 3 mo • Consider urinary urothelial tumor markers (category 2B)		Urine cytology every 6 mo		Annually	As clinically indicated	

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² Upper tract imaging includes CTU, MRU, intravenous pyelogram (IVP), retrograde pyelography, or ureteroscopy.

³ Abdominal/pelvic imaging includes CT, MRI, or FDG PET/CT (category 2B) (PET/CT not recommended for NMIBC).

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