

Memorandum

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Re: Updates



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- **Weekend nursing coverage for Medical Imaging** – In the winter during high patient census, the radiology nurses are called upon to cover sedation over the weekends for patients in Medical Imaging. This applies only to weekends, beginning Friday at 6 pm and ending Monday morning at 6 am. This is in effect now and will end after March 17. The radiologist on call will determine if a sedated procedure needs to be performed within the department during the weekend. The front office staff and technologists will be responsible for making the arrangements with the on call Medical Imaging nurse.
 - **Epic warning regarding IV contrast and NSAIDs** – The Pharmacy and Therapeutics committee recommended that a warning be built into Epic to remind physicians that patients who receive NSAIDs and IV iodinated contrast are at increased risk of developing contrast induced nephropathy. The warning is not intended to prevent imaging with contrast. It is intended to heighten awareness of using 2 potentially nephrotoxic drugs simultaneously. If you should encounter this situation, you do should not delay an emergent imaging study with IV contrast. Rather, the patient’s serum creatinine should be documented and the patient should be kept well hydrated to promote renal excretion of the contrast. A repeat serum creatinine after 24 hours should also be recommended. The committee did not give specific instructions for “well hydrated”. In the case of an outpatient receiving IV iodinated contrast, the radiology nurses encourage the patient to drink extra fluids for the following 24 hours. For an ED or Inpatient, we can encourage the patient’s physician to “keep the patient well hydrated” with IV fluids.
 - **Next radiologist meeting** – Monday, February 25 at 12:30 pm in the **Radiology Conference room**. If you have an agenda item to discuss, please forward it to me in an e-mail. Lunch will be provided.