

Memorandum

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Re: Updates



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- **Reason for Exam field** – We continue to have problems getting the correct information into the Reason for Exam field in PACS. Most recently, the patients referred from PriMed physicians through their EMR (Medicity) have “Pre-Auth;CPT” in the Reason for Exam field. The members of the DC IT team for the Medicity project have been made aware of this problem and are trying to fix it. In the meantime, the techs are to put the correct reason for exam in their tech notes.
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 - **ED issues -**
 - Significant results – Dr. Krzmarzick has not gotten back to me with a specific phone number to call for significant results. In the meantime, please add a request to call results in the “Notes” section in PACS. The Office Coordinator or Front Office staff will call the results to the ED doctor during hours of their coverage. When no Front Office staff member is scheduled to work, the radiologist will need to call the results directly. Dr. Krzmarzick felt results such as positive testicular torsion or new diagnosis of tumor were examples of when it would be appropriate for the results to be called. This is obviously a difficult request to fully understand and to accommodate.
 - Patients not NPO for stat CT studies with IV contrast- We will continue to uphold the NPO guidelines according to the Contrast Policy. If the patient’s condition warrants scanning before the NPO guideline, the radiologist and ED physician can discuss the risk/benefit and agree to appropriate timing of the contrast administration. As a reminder, the surgeons have already agreed to accept the responsibility of IV contrast administration in trauma patients who are not NPO.
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 - **Oral contrast for MR abdomen/pelvis studies** – Volumen will remain available to give to patients prior to MR abdomen or pelvis but is neither a requirement nor a general recommendation.
 - **Hanging protocols** – If you are having problems with PACS hanging protocols (most recently the limited Brain MR studies), please contact Idamae. She will help you set up and save a hanging protocol for this study.
 - **Ketamine sedation for obese patients** – Neither Dr. Kleiner nor Dr. Lacey had concerns for using ketamine sedation in obese adolescents for LP procedures. I have attached the Ketamine sedation guidelines for your information.
 - **PowerScribe concerns** – If you have problems with PowerScribe (or with any computer problem) please contact the Informatics tech covering at the time. In my experience, contacting the Help Desk does not help get the problem fixed.