

Radiology Dictation Compliance Guidelines

Procedure	What to say	Notes
All Procedures	State history of pt given to you by the hospital. Dictate laterality when applicable.	You may copy/paste pt history.
CT and MRI	Under technique, state whether or not contrast was given. If contrast is given, please state the amount and type given.	
CT	"automated dose control was used for this exam"	
Abdominal X-Ray	Must document the types of views	
PET/CT	state if for initial staging or sequential	
X-Ray	Must state number of views	
Pregnancy Ultrasound	must state gestational age	
CTA	Need CTA Criteria (1 of the following): 3D Processing, MIP Images, Shaded Surface Rendering, Volume Rendering	
Fluoro	Reference Air Kerma= __mGy or ___μGy or Dose Area Product (DAP) or fluoro time & number of images taken	Reference Air Kerma will be in the sticky notes for all Erlanger studies (Carestream) or fluoro time & number of images taken will be in the notes for all FINAO (Murphy studies)
Bone Scans	Document comparison with previous relevant imaging. If no previous relevant imaging is available, document this as well.	
Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Thyroid Nodules in Patients	For thyroid lesions, measure lesion size or state that it is less than 1.0 cm	Percentage of final reports for computed tomography (CT), CT angiography (CTA) or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or magnetic resonance angiogram (MRA) studies of the chest or neck or ultrasound of the neck for patients aged 18 years and older with no known thyroid disease with a thyroid nodule < 1.0 cm noted incidentally with follow-up imaging recommended

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Appropriate Follow-up Imaging for Incidental Abdominal Lesions	<p>For liver, kidney or adrenal lesions, measure lesion size or state that they are less than the following:</p> <p>Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm</p>	<p>Tracks the percentage of final reports for abdominal imaging studies for asymptomatic patients aged 18 years and older with one or more of the following noted incidentally with follow-up imaging recommended: Liver lesion ≤ 0.5 cm Cystic kidney lesion < 1.0 cm Adrenal lesion ≤ 1.0 cm</p>
Carotid Imaging	<p>% stenosis per NASCET guidelines: all CTA and MRA must list % stenosis (a number 0-100%). Carotid US can reference “stenosis derived by comparing the narrowest segment with the distal luminal diameter as related to the reported measure of arterial narrowing”</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>“stenosis of ___% - validated velocity measurements with angiographic measurements, velocity criteria are extrapolated from diameter data as defined by the Society of Radiologists in Ultrasound Consensus Conference Radiology 2003”</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Make sure this is in your templates</p>