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| <b>Name of Policy:</b> <u>Abnormal Findings</u><br><b>Policy Number:</b> 3364-135-004<br><b>Department:</b> Radiology<br><b>Approving Officer:</b> Chief Operating Officer - UTMC<br><b>Responsible Agent:</b> Chairman & Professor, Radiology<br><b>Scope:</b> Radiology | <br><br><b>Effective Date:</b> 6/1/2023<br><br>Initial Effective Date: 2/10/1997 |
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**(A) Policy Statement**

Abnormal “unexpected” findings during film interpretation must be communicated to the referring/ordering physician within one hour of completion of results.

**(B) Purpose of Policy**

To assure the prompt and accurate notification of unexpected positive findings found at the point of film interpretation. To alert the patient’s physician of a serious finding. To promote prompt medical care when appropriate.

**(C) Procedure**

1. Upon discovery of an unexpected positive finding, the Radiologist will document his findings in the dictation of his report., as well as the individual notified.
2. This information will then be forwarded to the clerical staff or designee who will notify the ordering physician.

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| <b>Approved by:</b><br><br>/s/ _____ Date _____<br>Haitham Elsamaloty, MD<br>Chairman & Professor, Radiology<br><br>/s/ _____ Date _____<br>Ryan Landis, BSRT, (R) (CT)<br>Director, Radiology | <b>Review/Revision Date:</b><br>8/13/1999<br>9/12/2005<br>5/22/2008<br>5/1/2011<br>7/11/2012<br>3/28/2014<br>3/31/2017<br>6/1/2020<br>6/1/2023<br><br><b>Next Review Date:</b> 6/1/2026 |
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