

Name of Policy: <u>Appropriateness Review</u> Policy Number: 3364-135-156 Department: Radiology Approving Officer: Chief Operating Officer - UTMC Responsible Agent: Chairman & Professor, Radiology Scope: Radiology	 Effective Date: 1/1/2023 Initial Effective Date: 1/1/2020
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(A) Policy Statement

All orders for patient exams will be reviewed for appropriateness. In the event that a request is not supported by appropriate medical information justifying the requested examination and according to compliance requirements, the Radiologist or designee will make a reasonable attempt (+ 10 minutes) to contact the referring physician. (Angiography and interventional procedures require direct verbal contact with the Radiologist).

(B) Purpose of Policy

To ensure patient safety efficient use of patient-hospital time, the use of proper examination protocol to meet the expected results, as well as, furnish the Radiologist with necessary information to allow the most accurate diagnosis.

(C) Procedure

1. Order will be reviewed for appropriateness and/or adequate information (pertinent to the exam requested).
2. If above is not found or the Radiologist disagrees, an attempt to contact the referring physician will be made.
3. All efforts will be taken to contact the attending physician/resident to avoid rescheduling any exam/procedure.
4. When all needs are met, the exam will proceed with the appropriate protocol.

*NOTE: This may result in the patient being rescheduled. This may be avoided by providing all pertinent information on the request or conversing with the appropriate Radiologist (or Radiology-Specialist in his fields).

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