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Agree the nature and purpose of investigation into an individual's health status



Overview

This standard covers the agreement, with other professional staff as appropriate, the nature and purpose of planned assessment and investigation. This will be based on the request for investigations and may include review of relevant patient notes, history and previous test results.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 confirm availability of correct patient information from all available sources
- P2 confirm accuracy, currency and completeness of relevant information available
- P3 review relevant patient history, pre-investigation test results, and any notes recorded by clinicians and other professionals
- P4 ensure referral is appropriate and within the scope of proposed investigative technique
- P5 identify possible contra-indications or possible difficulties associated with recommended or requested investigation
- P6 take relevant action when further or alternative preparatory action is required before an imaging investigation can be undertaken
- P7 agree changes to standard procedures to accommodate patient need and identified risks
- P8 determine the clinical priority of the patient and referral or request

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the range of investigations available, their application and purpose
- K2 the contra-indications associated with each investigation and the implications of proceeding with due consideration of related risks
- K3 your responsibilities under national legislation and regulations, current European, International and local guidelines, Codes of Practice and Professional standards
- K4 the physical theory and technology underpinning clinical applications of relevant investigations
- K5 the clinical case mix relevant to the institution
- K6 scientific principles associated with the relevant investigation
- K7 technical capabilities of investigative equipment
- K8 the risks involved with proposed investigations
- K9 the effects of changing parameters on the investigation result
- K10 the clinical background to the procedure and the merits of proposed investigations relative to current and emerging clinical practice
- K11 the roles, responsibilities and levels of authority of personnel working within imaging modalities
- K12 the use and importance of patient documentation associated with the request for investigation

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Additional Information

External links

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