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Request imaging investigations to provide information on an individual's health status and needs



Overview

This standard covers formal requests for investigations to assist with investigation and diagnosis of patient conditions. An authorised person for additional investigations, sequences or further imaging may make the request.

This standard is applicable to a range of imaging services. Individuals will work within the limits of their authority and competence for the relevant imaging modality.

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 clinical question to be addressed
- P3 review relevant patient history, previous investigation/test results, recommendations by clinicians and other professionals and patient special needs
- P4 review the range of investigations appropriate to the required investigation
- P5 determine options for other investigations which may assist with diagnosis
- P6 identify potential contra-indications to investigation options
- P7 select investigations and sequences that will supplement existing information and assist with diagnosis
- P8 complete formal request documentation and pass to appropriate person for processing

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 the range of investigations and imaging 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 current national legislation and regulations, European, International and local guidelines, Professional Standards and Codes of Practice
- K4 the principles and limitations of imaging compatibility
- K5 the implications for safety and equipment selection
- K6 roles, responsibilities and levels of authority of personnel involved in imaging services
- K7 risks associated with imaging procedures
- K8 the physical theory and technology underpinning clinical applications of imaging technology
- K9 relevant national, international standards and guidelines on imaging safety and their interpretation
- K10 procedures for requesting investigations
- K11 your role, responsibility, level of authority and competence associated with requesting investigations
- K12 relevance of anatomy and pathology to the choice of treatment techniques and technical facilities
- K13 relevant safety and emergency precautions and how to implement them
- K14 relevant medical terminology used by medical practitioners and specialists
- K15 implants and MR compatibility
- K16 anatomy, physiology and pathology relevant to the choice of imaging procedure
- K17 the type of documentation required to request investigations and its correct completion

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Additional Information

External links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB6 Assessment and treatment planning

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