



Helpful Hints

**** PLEASE call our office with any questions about what exam to order ****

** The auth should always match the CPT code vs the written order on referral **

X-RAY

** We perform routine X-Ray views on all body parts unless otherwise specified **

** Additional views (including routine) for **spine xray**, please specify flexion/extension and/or obliques views **

DEXA HIP & LUMBAR : common ICD 10 codes when referring a DEXA:

M81.0 Osteoporosis **M85.89** Osteopenia **E21-** Hyperparathyroidism
S12.0- Cervical Vertebral Fracture **S22.0-** Thoracic Vertebral Fracture **S32.0-** Lumbar Vertebral Fracture
F50.00 Anorexia Nervosa **F50.2** Bulimia Nervosa *Please do not use a Z code: ex: **Z13.820**

ULTRASOUND

** **ABDOMEN vs. PELVIC Ultrasounds** are 2 different body parts: **abdomen ultrasound** includes liver, gallbladder, common bile duct, kidneys, spleen, pancreas while **pelvic ultrasound** includes uterus and ovaries **

CT / CTA

** Patient should be well **hydrated and fasting** when ordered with **IV contrast** **

** **Abdomen** covers diaphragm to iliac crest ** **Pelvis** covers iliac crest through ischium **

When to order without contrast followed with IV contrast :

** always order without contrast followed with IV contrast so critical information is not missed **

** known or suspected mass/tumor/infection, appendicitis, abscess **

When to order without IV contrast:

** NO IV contrast for abdomen and pelvis for known renal calculus (CT KUB)

** suspected traumatic brain bleed should always be done without IV contrast **

When to order with straight IV contrast ONLY:

** **CTA** exams can be done with straight IV contrast example: CTA Brain **

MRI / MRA

** We have 2 MRI machines: Closed MRI and a true **OPEN MRI** **

~ **OPEN MRI** is great for claustrophobic patients and patients who are larger ~

** No **nail polish** on hands or toes when ordering a hand or foot MRI**

** No **make-up** on patient's face when scanning MRI Orbits and/or MRI Brain **

When to order without contrast followed with IV contrast:

** known or suspected mass/tumor/infection/cancer, prior surgery to the region, and post-op **

Cardiac Pacemaker? Implants? Pain Pump? Nerve Stimulator? Prosthetic Limb?

** Patients with Cardiac Pacemakers CANNOT have MRI's **

** Please call us if the patient has any other implants, etc when ordering an MRI **