

A. EFFECTIVE DATE:	10/18/2022
B. PURPOSE:	To describe the teleradiology policy and define actions a technologist must take to submit a study for review by our teleradiology service provider.
C. POLICY:	<p>1. All advanced imaging exams ordered as "Stat" (typically CT scan, MRI, Ultra sound, or Nuclear Medicine) during the hours of the teleradiology service will be sent to the teleradiology provider for radiologist interpretation.</p> <p>2. All advanced imaging studies ordered from the ED during teleradiology hours of coverage are to be sent to the teleradiology provider for interpretation.</p> <p>3. Inpatient or outpatient studies may also be sent to the teleradiology provider upon request of the referring provider.</p> <p>Exceptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Breast Imaging (48 non-holiday weekday hours) not including u/s •Cardiac CT, •Cardiac CTA •CT Colonography •MR Musculoskeletal System (MSK) •Magnetic Resonance (MR) -- cardiac •Nuclear Medicine (NM) heart •Positron Emission Tomography (PET)" •PET/Computerized Axial Tomography <p>4. The standard report turn-around goal is established to be 30 minutes or less once the study is accepted by the teleradiology provider as "complete" and ready for interpretation. For stroke patients, the turn-around goal for non-contrast Head CT is 20 minutes.</p>
D. SCOPE:	All areas of Radiology
E. PROCEDURES, GUIDELINES AND PROTOCOLS:	<p>Teleradiology "hours of coverage" are as follows:</p> <p>Monday through Friday - 10:00pm to 7:00 am (for Stroke and Neurology studies, times are extended to Monday-Friday 4pm to 8am next day & 24 hours each weekend day)</p>

	<p>Saturday, Sunday and New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day- 7:00 am until 7:00 am the following morning.</p> <p>To deem a study complete and ready for interpretation, the performing technologist must send and verify the images have been received. The technologist must ensure the study includes all images, reformats, and a completed online requisition has been received.</p> <p>The teleradiology report will be faxed to the Diagnostic Imaging departmental front desk and is to be scanned into PACS by the performing technologist upon receipt. Inpatient or outpatient studies are not automatically sent unless designated " Stat " or " Urgent / ASAP". " Routine " cases performed during teleradiology hours of operation will be held to be interpreted by the UConn Health Radiologists until the next morning for interpretation. A " Routine" study may be sent to the teleradiology provider for interpretation upon request by the ordering provider as warranted.</p> <p>Upon request of the referring physician, Conventional Radiograph R studies may be sent for Interpretation.</p>
F. REFERENCES:	None
G. RELATED POLICIES:	None
H. SEARCH WORDS:	Teleradiology
I. ENFORCEMENT:	Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, or other applicable University Policies .
J. FINAL APPROVALS:	<p>1. <u>Bruce T. Liang, MD (Signed)</u> <u>11/07/2022</u> Bruce T. Liang, MD Date Interim Chief Executive Officer & EVP for Health Affairs Dean, School of Medicine</p> <p>2. <u>Anne Horbatuck (Signed)</u> <u>11/01/2022</u> Anne D. Horbatuck, RN, BSN, MBA Date Clinical Policy Committee Co-Chair</p>

3. Scott Allen, MD (Signed) 11/03/2022
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4. Caryl Ryan (Signed) 11/02/2022
Caryl Ryan, MS, BSN, RN Date
Chief Operating Officer, JDH
VP Quality and Patient Services & Chief Nursing Officer

K. REVISION HISTORY : Date Issued: 04/07/2014
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