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MRI Escalation Policy

1. Policy Statement:

This Policy explains the process of escalating a stat MRI to emergent.

2. Who Should Read This Policy?

All Erlanger physicians treating in-patients, ED and Ops

3. Purpose

To provide the steps necessary to escalate a STAT MRI procedure to EMERGENT status.

4. Definitions

5. The Policy

To escalate a STAT MRI to EMERGENT, the ordering physician must call the Radiologist at 7372 for approval. The ordering physician will give all pertinent patient information and his/her contact information to the radiologist.

The Radiologist will contact the MRI Technologist and give the patient information, the exam requested and/or protocol, along with the ordering physician's name and contact information.

The MRI Technologist will contact the patient's nurse and arrange transportation. Because the exam has been escalated to emergent, the patient's condition may warrant having a nurse escort to MRI, during the procedure and for return transport.

The MRI technologist will finish any patient that is currently on the scanner. A patient who is already

being imaged will not be removed from the scanner unless the supervising Radiologist directs the MRI Technologist to do so.

Once the technologist finishes the escalated exam, the radiologist will be called and notified. The patient will be transported back to their room with a nurse.

A final report will be rendered, and any critical result will be conveyed according to the Radiology Critical Results policy.

[Radiology Critical Results](#)

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