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RE: **Oral Contrast for Adult ED Abdominal CT Patients**

Following on from a successful pilot project, the following policy will be instituted for oral contrast administration in adult ED patients with immediate effect.

Oral Contrast is only* required for:

1. Very thin patients with abdominal pain.
2. Post-op bowel surgery, fistula or Crohn's disease.
3. When IV contrast is contraindicated.
4. Pediatric patients.

***at the discretion of the attending radiologist**

