

Uncontrolled if Printed

1.0 Attached **Table of Critical Conditions**; Revised: 11/2005; 01/2007; 02/2009; 1/2018; 2/1/2021 DRAFT

Attachment Table 1

Critical Conditions List are Guidelines to decide urgency to contact physician but radiologists may make the final determination.

Anatomical Area	Red Category Conditions*	Yellow Category Conditions*
	Complete Alert within 1 hour	Complete Alert within 3 days
CNS/Spine	Acute Stroke Brain tumor (mass effect) Cerebral hemorrhage/hematoma Depressed skull fracture Spinal cord compression Spine fracture (unstable)	Brain tumor (no mass effect) Spine fracture (stable)
Neck	Carotid artery dissection Critical carotid stenosis Epiglottitis	New neck mass
Breast		Suspicious finding with biopsy recommendation on mammogram
Chest	Active TB or Abscess (active) Acute Airway obstruction Acute Aortic / Aneurism dissection Acute Pulmonary embolism Cardiac tamponade Tension pneumothorax	New lung mass
Abdomen	Active Bleed Appendicitis Free Air in abdomen (if no recent surgeries) Ruptured aneurysm or impending rupture Traumatic visceral injury Unsuspected Abscess Unsuspected or clearly identifiable Ischemic bowel Volvulus	New abdominal mass
Bones/Soft Tissue	Necrotizing fasciitis Acute Osteomyelitis New finding suggestive of new weight bearing fracture, lesion, mets.	
Uro-genital	Acute Testicular or Ovarian Torsion Ectopic pregnancy Placental abruption Placental previa near term Unsuspected Fetal demise	New renal/bladder mass
Vascular	Acute DVT or vascular occlusion	
General	Significant Line/ or Tube misplacement (e.g. feeding tube in airway). New mass with clinically significant findings.	New finding highly suggestive of malignancy (e.g. new nodule on CXR, diffuse lymphadenopathy on abdominal CT)