

Radiology: Critical Test Results - Reporting

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Attachment Table 1

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