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DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING

REVISED PROVINCIAL MRI REQUISITION

Date effective: Immediately

Background Information:

In February, the WRHA, Shared Health and Prairie Mountain Health released a standardized MRI Requisition Form to request MRI imaging from all sites in Manitoba. Since then, all Diagnostic Imaging in the province has become part of Shared Health, Diagnostic Services and we have:

1. Introduced Provincial MRI Central Intake and changes to Central Intake requirements in Winnipeg
2. Revised/ clarified items on the MRI Requisition form based on stakeholder feedback (link attached)
3. Clarified the process around Pediatric Pre-Sedation Forms

Provincial MRI Central Intake – One Number to Fax

Beginning immediately, all urgent and elective MRI requests in Manitoba must be submitted to **Diagnostic Imaging Central Intake** for triaging. This change aims to improve/balance wait times and reduce the number of double bookings and no-shows across Manitoba. To support this change Central Intake has expanded hours to include Saturdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. There is still the option to indicate a specific site for your patient. Emergent requests must be arranged by directly contacting the Radiologist on site. If you speak with a radiologist, please write their last name and site on the requisition (above the preferred site in the top left hand corner).

Changes to MRI Requisition:

- The Winnipeg and toll free numbers for Central Intake are written on the top left of the requisition
- Clarified Outpatient options and the age limit for pediatric head circumference
- Added option for Urgent exams: The Requested Date field is for this and for specified date exams
- Patient Transport: moved from Transport section to the Inpatient/ED section
- Updated questions for IV Contrast exams as per updated guidelines
- Added question about any previous back surgery
- Added glucose monitoring devices in screening section

The Relevant Clinical/Surgical History section MUST be completed and include relevant clinical history AND if applicable, surgical history. It should never be blank. Poor or irrelevant history may result in the requisition being sent back to the ordering practitioner. Radiologists rely heavily on the clinical history to determine priority, scheduling and protocoling of each case.

MRI Pre-Sedation Form for Pediatric Patients (at Health Sciences Centre)

There is a separate Pre-Sedation History Form for pediatric patients that must be completed for patients under 10 years of age OR ≥ 10 who require sedation. This form has also been sent to your EMR vendor to build and make available for you to download. Please complete and submit this form as required along with your initial MRI Request.

Action Required

- The Provincially certified EMR Vendors (via Digital Health) have been sent the new version of the MRI Requisition (and the updated WRHA Requisition for CT, US, XR, NM), and asked to build them within their EMRs to make them available for their customers. The forms will be made available to all other EMR vendors at their request.

- WRHA sites: add revised version of the WRHA Request for Diagnostic Imaging Exam (CT, US, XR, NM) to your EMR instance.
- Delete prior versions of MRI requisitions from your EMR when replacing them.
- Discard printed and saved electronic copies of older forms unless they include other modalities

References/Resources:

You can access this form electronically here:

- <https://sharedhealthmb.ca/health-providers/diagnostic/reference-material>
- <http://www.wrha.mb.ca/prog/diagnostic/forms.php>

More Information:

<https://dsmanitoba.ca/medical-practitioners/physician-information/>

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