

Please note that Shared Health Diagnostic Imaging Central Intake is not intended to distribute **EMERGENT** exam requests due to patient safety. As the requisition has been marked emergent or falls within our emergent criteria listed below, it is being returned to you for immediate action. Based on your clinical expertise, if you **do not** believe the exam needs to be done within 24-48 hours, please clearly indicate this on the requisition and send it back through Central Intake who will then forward it to a site for priority coding by the radiologist. The radiologist is ultimately responsible for determining the timeframe based on clinical information provided on the requisition.

The following are considered emergent;

Ultrasound

- DVT (deep vein thrombosis)
- Ectopic pregnancies
- Threatened abortion
- Missed products of conception
- Testicular torsion
- Appendicitis

MRI

- Acute cauda equina (on req or selected on MRI L-Spine CW Form)
- Pregnant appendicitis
- Visual defects with optic neuritis
- Acute spinal cord compression
- Acute Fractures

CT

- Appendicitis, peritonitis
- Superior vena cava obstruction
- Pulmonary embolism (PE)
- Acute Stroke with hemi paresis (or suspected acute intracranial bleed)
- Severe headaches with encephalitis
- Acute Fractures
- Critical limb ischemia

Nuclear Medicine

- VQ scan

The **referring practitioner must contact the appropriate Diagnostic Imaging department at a preferred site** for all emergent exams to ensure appropriate triage. Patient safety is our priority.

Thank you for your anticipated understanding!

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