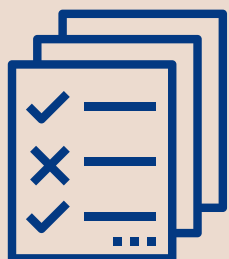


Imaging Referrals under IRMER 2017



IONISING RADIATION (MEDICAL EXPOSURE) REGULATIONS

- This is the law
- It defines certain roles and responsibilities
- If you refer patients for X-ray / CT imaging, you are fulfilling the role of **referrer** under the IRMER legislation

THE ROLE OF THE REFERRER

- Referrers must be **registered healthcare professionals** and **entitled** to refer under Trust procedures.
- You must legally **provide sufficient clinical information, specific to the patient** to enable a radiology practitioner to justify the exposure to radiation.

CLINICAL INFORMATION

- Clinical history
- Specific clinical question
- Previous imaging
- Date imaging should occur
- Findings from previous diagnostic examinations

...and anything else you feel supports your decision to refer for an examination.

BEFORE YOU REFER...

- Have you clearly defined the clinical question?
- Would another test/exam be better suited to answer this?
- Is the imaging within current clinical guidelines for your patient's condition?
- Has relevant imaging already happened that may not need repeating?
- Have you requested more than clinically necessary?

WILL THE RESULT OF THE IMAGING AFFECT THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PATIENT?
If not, do not make the referral.

Seek a second opinion if unsure. Referral guidelines are on the Radiology intranet.