MRAD 223 – Patient Care 1

Examples of Paperless Requisitions

Protocols	Comments	Priority	Registered Date/Time	Patient Name	Procedure Name	Accession#	Allergies	Transp
Called for pt.	Pt coming from NM			In-pt	started	1234325	Yes	
	O2			ER pt	started	5676787	No	Stat

Things to consider are:

- Compliance. Example-some physicians are very good about providing a reason for the exam which includes clinical history/mechanism of injury etc. Other physicians aren't which leaves the technologist having to be more through on assessing and interviewing the patient to ensure that the correct patient is getting the correct x-ray.
- There is more than one location for comments to be included. Unit clerks, nurses or others individuals who input important patient information will sometimes use the "protocols" column while others will use the "comments" column. There are no guidelines as to what type of information belongs in which column. Example- Isolation.
- Accessing useful information requires numerus "clicks" so some techs don't take the time because it's the perception that paperless is "quicker" or should be *compared to paper.* At a glance, there's no way of determining if previous x-rays of that ordered body part were taken unless and additional effort is made by the technologist. Again, its' at the technologists discretion.
- Filters are available to show only a particular area and 1 sign-in grants access to everything
- Worklist needs to be updated frequently.

Note- With paper requisitions, students would "grab" the requ. and "start" the exam. With paperless, students need to be more assertive in *"starting" the exam if they want to be the primary or secondary technologist performing the case.*