



To: Radiology Managers

cc: MRI Departments

Date: 7/23/2024

Re: MRI Soft Tissue Neck

Radiology Managers,

Please disperse this memo to your MRI departments.

Recently we have seen several soft tissue neck MRI exams performed for unneeded indications. CT neck with IV contrast is the preferred modality for the vast number of neck pathology indications. Therefore, any MRI soft tissue neck examination ordered by any clinician, including sub specialist clinicians such as ENT surgeons, will need neuroradiologist approval prior to performing the examination. The only exception would be if the patient's prior ultrasound or CT imaging specifically recommended the MRI soft tissue examination by a neuroradiologist.

Thank you for your help with this issue,

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