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**To:** RCI Affiliate Emergency departments

**Subject:** Temporal bone CT orders from the Emergency Departments

Effective immediately, the workflow for ordering temporal bone CT imaging has been updated. A CT temporal bone may be ordered without preapproval only when a patient has a known skull base or temporal bone fracture.

For all other clinical indications, preapproval from a neuroradiologist is required prior to performing a CT temporal bone exam to ensure the most appropriate imaging is obtained. In the majority of these cases, a CT maxillofacial exam will adequately address the clinical question and should be ordered instead.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and commitment to providing high-quality patient care.