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**To:** RCI Affiliate Radiology Leaders and Imaging Technologists  
**Subject:** Updated IR Imaging Guidelines

1. IR specific examinations (arterial US, hemodialysis fistula US, upper and lower extremity CTAs) can be performed at any time, without prior approval.
  - a. Follow the attached communication guide which explains how and when to contact a specific IR physician
    - i. Do not use secure chat as the physicians are not always at a workstation
    - ii. Please monitor stat exams on your lists and reach out if they seem to be sitting for an unusual length of time
      1. Mercy IR department: 319-221-8565
      2. St. Lukes IR department: 319-369-7482
      3. RCI on call (1700-0700) answering service : 319-730-7746.
    - iii. Exams performed to evaluate for pseudoaneurysm or hematoma after arterial access (e.g. coronary angiograms etc.) can be read by **any radiologist** and do not require contacting an IR physician once complete
  - b. If there is no IR call coverage, exams will be read by an RCI diagnostic radiologist until Real Radiology coverage begins.
    - i. Monday-Friday: starting at 2140.
    - ii. Saturday-Sunday: starting at 1800.
    - iii. Holidays: starting at 1800.