

Medical Imaging QRG – Clinical Guideline

Who should read this?

Anyone requesting Medical Imaging for patients that are confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19

Goal

To ensure Medical Imaging is aware of all patients COVID-19 status before imaging is performed. This will facilitate appropriate and timely imaging for these patients whilst reducing infection risk to other patient cohort. Please also refer to QRG – Medical Imaging – General X-ray on suspected or confirmed COVID-19 inpatients and ED patients.

Process

- COVID-19 status to be confirmed on request for all patients
- Usual approval process for examinations still apply
- Please call appropriate Duty Registrar to arrange examination
- Footscray & After Hours - ext 57223
- Sunshine - ext 50024

X-Ray / Ultrasound

- All scans/x-rays are to be done portable for patients who are SCOVID or confirmed cases. In extenuating circumstances where imaging cannot be performed as a mobile, suspected COVID-19 and confirmed COVID-19 patients will be imaged in dedicated room with Terminal COVID-19 cleaning post examination.
- Discussion with Radiographer / Sonographer to alert patient priority.
- Terminal COVID-19 clean (QRG Terminal Clean 26 03 2020)

CT / DSA / Fluoroscopy / MRI

- Once examination approved, contact modality radiographer to discuss examination timing.
- Designated Modality Room to remain open for direct entry of patient and patient to remain in room until return transfer.
- Terminal COVID-19 clean (QRG Terminal Clean 26 03 2020)

Nuclear Medicine

- If VQ scan requested for patient on respiratory precautions, discussion with Nuclear Medicine Specialist to occur
- Once scan approved - Contact Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT) to discuss examination time
- Terminal COVID-19 clean (QRG Terminal Clean 26 03 2020)