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## MEDICAL IMAGING

### Ordering Exams: New Urgency Levels

At Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging, we understand there are situations when an urgent imaging exam is necessary for timely decision-making. We always try to ensure urgent patient care needs are met and that we have appointments available to accommodate critical imaging exams.

As part of this process, we have developed a new urgency level to help to triage patient care needs. **ASAP** can now be selected when ordering an exam for patients who have an urgent need for an exam, but who are not STAT.



**STAT:** For exams with a potential for critical results that could result in harm within hours or days if not treated.



**ASAP:** For exams that are required in less than 5 days for decision making.



**Routine:** For exams that can wait for the next available appointment.

**The ordering provider will be contacted by the radiologist for critical results.** In order to be respectful of your time, you will only be called for critical findings and not be called for normal results.

#### When Ordering:

Please write on the order STAT or ASAP if indicated. If ordering electronically through Johns Hopkins Epic, check the appropriate priority level box. **Be sure to provide your cell phone number on the order for STAT studies so that we can communicate critical results if scheduled after hours.**

If you have any questions about this protocol, please contact Dr. Jenny Hoang, Medical Director of Johns Hopkins Medical Imaging, at [jenny.hoang@jhu.edu](mailto:jenny.hoang@jhu.edu)

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