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## MEDICAL IMAGING

### Impact of New Federal Regulation on the Timing of Radiology Reports Released to Patients

A new federal regulation issued under the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act by the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology (ONC) of The Department of Health and Human Services designed to give patients easier access to their medical records mandates **immediate release of test results, including radiology reports, to patients**. The regulation required compliance with information sharing and we wanted to ensure you were aware of this change in information delivery.



#### What this means for patients:

Previously, radiology reports were released to the patient through the Johns Hopkins MyChart portal 3 days after the final sign-off by the radiologist.

**As of March 25, 2021, patients' radiology reports will be released immediately in the Johns Hopkins MyChart patient portal upon final signature by the radiologist.**

Follow these links for more information about the regulation and categories of exemption.

- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act Regulation: [www.healthit.gov/curesrule/](http://www.healthit.gov/curesrule/)
- Categories of exemption: [www.healthit.gov/topic/information-blocking](http://www.healthit.gov/topic/information-blocking)

#### Questions?

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