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**To:** Radiologist and CT Technologist  
**From:** Sam Galgano  
Vice Chair of Quality and Patient Experience  
**Date:** June 7, 2023  
**Re:** Contrast documentation in patient's chart

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When a CT order is placed, the ordering physician has to initiate the contrast media protocol. By initiating the contrast media protocol, he or she is taking responsibility of the patient receiving contrast and any complications post contrast.

If the patient's labs are abnormal or has a 0.2 increase, technologists are to consult the Radiologist. Radiologist may consult the team caring for the patient to assess if contrast is needed to answer the clinical question. However, the ordering physician should not be asked to place a note in the chart prior to the patient receiving contrast. Requesting this does not obviate any legal liability and only unnecessarily delays patient care. If there are any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me.



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