

Reading Hospital Radiology- General Imaging Protocols

*Please note: Technologists image at the discretion of the Radiologist. The below are guidelines established by our Radiologists to ensure consistent imaging practices throughout the department. If a question of appropriate imaging protocol arises, questions should be directed to a Supervisor or Radiologist for clarification.

Protocols included:

- Foreign Bodies, Punctures, Lacerations, Open Wounds and Lumps/Palpable Masses Protocol
- Image Check Protocol

Foreign Bodies, Punctures, Lacerations, Open Wounds and Lumps/Palpable Masses Protocol

Procedure:

- If the patient arrives with a puncture wound with no history of a foreign body, mark the wound with a BB and document this in the electronic note.
- If the patient arrives with an open, gaping wound with presence of a foreign body, no BB or marker should be placed on the wound, document this in the electronic note.
- If the patient arrives with a laceration and the technologist believes there may be a presence of a foreign body, mark the laceration with a BB and document this in the electronic note (this should occur even if the patient's history states there is no evidence of a foreign body).
- If the patient arrives with a laceration and the patient gives a history of a foreign body, mark the laceration with a BB and document this in the electronic note.
- If the patient arrives with a lump or palpable mass, mark it with a BB and document this in the electronic note.

Image Check Protocol

Procedure:

- If patient presents with an injury within 2 weeks, an Image Check should be requested.
- In addition, an Image Check can be requested at the discretion of the performing technologist if an obvious abnormality is identified (fracture, large effusion, etc.). This is regardless of injury timeframe.