

X-ray, Contrast Studies & Breast Imaging Tips

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Resources

- AMA
- CMS
- ACR



X-Ray, Planar Films

- Types of Studies
 - Skeletal/Bony Structures
 - Chest/Abdomen
- X-Ray Terminology
 - Anterior = front
 - Appendicular=Pertaining to the Arms/Legs
 - Axial =Pertaining to the trunk
 - Decubitus = lying down
 - Distal = away from the central point
 - Lateral= side
 - Lateral decubitus = lying on ones' side
 - Oblique = angle
 - Posterior = back
 - Prone = lying face down
 - Proximal = close to the central point
 - Supine = lying on back, face up



X-Ray, Planar Films

- Key Documentation
 - MUST document number of views
 - Should also document TYPE of views
 - Recommend standard report structure:
 - Indication
 - Header
 - Technique
 - Findings
 - Impression

X-Ray, Planar Films

- Coding Tips
 - Count number of views
 - Watch for report discrepancies
 - Views
 - Laterality
- Hot Topics
 - Comparison Studies
 - Pre-MRI Orbit Screening
 - X-Rays of Contiguous Sites
 - Bilateral Studies
 - Hips/Pelvis

Contrast Studies

- Types of Studies

- GI Imaging
 - Upper GI, Enema, SBFT
 - Cholangiogram
- GU Imaging
 - Hysterosalpingogram
 - ERCP
- CT/MR
- Ultrasound
- Fluoroscopy
- Angiography (catheter based and non catheter based)

- Terminology

- Intravenous
- Intrathecal
- Intra-articular
- Enhancement
- Radiology Supervision & Interpretation

Contrast Studies

- Key Documentation
 - Type of Contrast
 - IV/Intra-articular/Intrathecal vs Oral for CT/MR
 - Barium/Air for GI studies
 - Strength/Concentration and Volume of Contrast (global billing)
 - Radiologist's role
 - If done as part of a procedure, procedure documentation must be clear
 - Fluoro Time/# Images (QPP)

Contrast Studies

- Coding Tips
 - Read CPT descriptions carefully
 - Billing for Contrast
- Hot Topics
 - CT/MR Arthrogram
 - New GI studies
 - Include scout abdominal radiographs and delayed imaging
 - Double contrast study options
 - Contrast Enhanced Ultrasound

Radiologic Supervision & Interpretation

- “RS&I”
- Modifier -52 utilization
- Intraoperative Imaging
- Shared Procedures-Comprehensive Codes

Breast Imaging

- Types of Studies
 - Mammography
 - Ultrasound
 - Tomosynthesis
 - Elastography
- Terminology
 - Craniocaudal = “CC” head to tail
 - CAD = Computer Aided Detection
 - BiRADS = Breast Imaging Reporting and Database System **score**

Breast Imaging

- Key Documentation
 - Screening or Diagnostic
 - Type of Studies performed-especially when multiple studies are dictated on the same report
 - Unilateral or Bilateral

Breast Imaging

- Coding Tips
 - Understand Edits
- Hot Topics
 - Whole Breast/Automated Breast Ultrasound for screening
 - Elastography

***Breast Imaging Frequently Asked Questions*

<https://www.acr.org/Advocacy-and-Economics/Coding-Source/March-April-2019/Breast-Imaging-FAQ>

Q&A



Thank you!

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