



SWEDISH MEDICAL CENTER

CRITICAL IMAGING FINDINGS/TESTS LIST
PHONE RESULTS REQUIRED WITHIN 30 MINUTES OF INTERPRETATION

CRITICAL FINDINGS LIST

1. Hemorrhage

- a. New Hemorrhage Anywhere in the Body

2. Vascular

- a. New Pulmonary Embolism
- b. Enlarging or Symptomatic Aneurysm
- c. New Critical Carotid Artery Stenosis
- d. Acute Arterial or Venous Thrombosis
- e. Acute Dissection of a Great Vessel

3. Brain

- a. New CVA
- b. New Brain Tumor with Mass Effect

4. Body

- a. New Abscess
- b. New Pneumoperitoneum or Pneumothorax
- c. Ischemic or Strangulated Bowel

5. Fetal Ultrasound

- a. Ectopic Pregnancy
- b. Placental Abruption
- c. Possible Fetal Distress, including BPP of 5 or less

6. Miscellaneous

- a. Malposition of Tubes/Catheters
- b. Epiglottitis

CRITICAL TESTS LIST

1. Noncontrast CT Head for Acute Stroke Protocol

2. X-Ray to R/O Foreign Body Ordered by the OR

In addition to the above, any results that are discrepant with a preceding interpretation of the same examination, and where failure to act may adversely affect patient health, or results that the diagnostic imager reasonably believes may be seriously adverse to the patient's health and are unexpected by the treating or referring physician.

Document as:

“Critical Result: (Dr./Nurse Name) was notified by (telephone) of the above findings at (Time)”.