

Information Bulletin

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Attention: Expedited Medical Imaging Services Providers

Subject: Service Updates

The new Expedited Medical Imaging Services (EMIS) contract took effect on July 1, 2018. We would like to welcome and thank you for joining the network.

It is our goal to provide high quality expedited imaging services for injured workers so as to achieve the best clinical outcomes. We therefore want to bring the following matters to your attention:

Mandatory Requirements of Radiologists

Please be reminded that all Radiologists providing services within the EMIS contract must possess a Musculoskeletal, MRI, and/or Neuroradiology fellowship. Providers who fail to maintain this mandatory requirement may be removed from the network.

Spine MRI

Studies show that including epidemiological information in MRI reports may assist primary care practitioners in interpreting imaging results and optimizing clinical management and resource utilization.

As per Clause 26 of the EMIS contract, please include the following statement on all WorkSafeBC spine MRI reports effective immediately:

The following findings are so common in people without low back pain that although their presence may be reported, they must be interpreted with caution and in the context of the clinical situation:
Disk Signal Changes: 86%*

Disk Bulge: 69%
Loss of Disk Height: 60%
Disk Protrusion: 35%
Annular Tear: 42%
Endplate Changes: 23%
Moderate or Severe Facet Degeneration: 18%

**Reference - Jarvik et al, Spine 2012*

Protection of Privacy

To protect the privacy of injured workers, please ensure to:

- Store personal information for the time period set out in the accreditation standards under the Diagnostic Accreditation Program of the College of Physicians and Surgeons (DIM7.1), the regulatory standards of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the *Health Professions Act* which is 16 years.
- Encrypt the CD/USBs used to store the diagnostic scans, and utilize mail tracking when sending the diagnostic scans to WorkSafeBC.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

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