

Radiology Tips – Feb 1st, 2013

The North Shore Division is working with our DI colleagues to improve workflow.

A few tips from Dr. Simon Bicknell, Head of LGH DI:

- 1) **Urgent requests:**
 - a. **LGH: Put Urgent on form, and call LGH Radiologist** (604.988.3131. CT -local 4508. Ultrasound – 5907 or 5893. Radiologist on Call – 3731, 1300-1700). Note their name on the form, and a time frame (eg within a week, or within 2 days). The forms don't ask for this, but including it along with clinical information will help get urgent imaging.
 - b. **North Shore X-ray**
 - i. **604.987.9729 Loc 204** and speak to a radiologist.
 - ii. If you can't find radiologist, try LGH xray tech area, Loc 4453.
- 2) **MRI's ordered by a GP** are reviewed by a radiologist, the more info you put the better. Priority level must be included.
- 3) If you have **concerns about a report**, fax it back to where it was done, and request an addendum.
- 4) **LGH DI Booking is very short staffed**, and is paper- based (!) So they don't acknowledge the receipt of requisitions, but we're working with them to change this.
- 5) **To find a report not yet dictated:** call Film Desk at 4450. They will check RIS for report status. If urgent, they will request stenos to transcribe. **However**, this must not be abused - all other priorities get delayed eg inpatient, emerg studies etc!