
Audit 21

1) Audit Title

Provision of clinical information to support justification

2) Standard against which the audit topic is to be compared

Each imaging request involving ionising radiation should undergo a justification process.

For accurate justification radiologists/radiographers need to know the exam related clinical data including previous imaging findings. These are important in reporting as well as planning the most appropriate radiological examination and protocolling accordingly. BSSD.

3) Source of standard

National legislation intended to transpose and implement requirements included within the Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom, Article 55

4) Type of audit – regulatory

5) Target / compliance percentage to be achieved

100 % (compulsory)

6) Item or variable to be audited

All ionising radiological procedures (non-ionising procedures can also be included, although these are not currently covered by the justification process)

7) Method

Retrospective or prospective

8) Data or information to be collected

Review consecutive clinical request forms, clinical information provided should be:

- ★ Concise, pertinent
- ★ With relevant, coherent information in logical structure
- ★ With a clear clinical question and indication of clinical urgency
- ★ Without irrelevant information, including relevant previous history (imaging, medical)

9) Sample details (number of patients, collection time period)

100 request forms

10) Target achieved

Yes/No

11) Actions to be taken if the target is not met

Education for referrers

12) Timing for re-audit

(yes / no / not applicable)

One year, or sooner if target not met