

TIP: CONCERNED A PATIENT MIGHT PRESENT WITH A NEW SERIOUS ABNORMALITY IN THE ED?



When your patient has an imaging test showing a new serious abnormality (i.e., cancer), they will be directed to the ED to have the results reviewed by the ED physician.

This often means your patient will be told about their new serious health issue by a complete stranger in a loud, rushed environment, which is not a great experience for either the patient or the ED physician.

What can you do?

Write "Patient to follow-up with FP for results" on the imaging requisition if you are concerned about a serious result in a NON-life threatening situation.