

Patients with a new serious abnormality in the ER

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

What can you do?

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