

SAME DAY Precerts NOW Available at the Brookwood Diagnostic Center!

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Documentation Tips Below:

MRI Brain

- How long has the patient been symptomatic?
- MMSE?
- What are the neurological findings or findings on exam?
- What is the doctor ruling out?
- Has the patient had any prior imaging? If so, what were the findings?
- Medications tried/failed.
- What is the doctor ruling out?

CT Rule out Appendicitis (CT abd/pelvis with)

- RLQ pain-how long
- Fever- what temp
- WBC results
- What are the findings on exam; guarding, rebound tenderness, mass?

CT stone protocol (without contrast)

- Use a renal/Kidney stone diagnosis code. N20.0 is Calculus of kidney.
- Document: abdominal pain, hematuria; dysuria, low back pain?

CT for diverticulitis

- How long has the patient been in pain? Does the patient have nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea? Has the patient tried antibiotics? What are the findings on exam; abdominal guarding or rebound tenderness? Any fever?

CT/MRI's for pain

- How long has the patient been in pain?
- What meds tried?
- Physical therapy?
- X-rays?
- Does pain radiate; any numbness, tingling, paresthesia, weakness?
- What was found on exam?

MRI Breasts

- Does the patient have fibro glandular or dense breasts?
- Does the patient have any pertinent family history of cancer/breast cancer?
- Most insurance requires a breast cancer history from 2 first degree relatives or BRCA1 or BRCA2 positive testing. Send any abnormal breast imaging (mammograms; diagnostic mammograms, breast ultrasound).
- Is there abnormal findings on exam; any nipple discharge, drooping, swelling, etc.?