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**From:** Amy Tucker  
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**To:** CMO BLASTS  
**Subject:** Important notice about STAT Radiology Studies!!

**Importance:** High

Hi all,

University Radiology Associates (URA) and the Hospital were recently notified by vRad that we order an excessive percentage of our inpatient and outpatient radiology studies STAT, despite clearly not needing an emergent interpretation.

vRad has advised us that, over the next few months, Upstate must demonstrate a dramatic reduction in inappropriate STAT exam orders or they will terminate our contract. **We are asking clinicians to appropriately prioritize inpatient and outpatient exams and only order a STAT exam if an emergent interpretation is truly required.**

We will be reviewing ordering patterns for radiology studies to identify any systemic drivers impacting the volume of STAT reads and will provide further communication upon completion of our review.

**URA and the Hospital are concerned that patient care will suffer if we lose our vRAD contract.**

Thanks in advance for helping us reduce unnecessary STAT exams.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday weekend,

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