



***“Should my patient have another radiological examination if one has been done recently?”***

**If the images you need already exist, it is likely that no value will be added by repeating them**

Patients treated by several physicians will not always remember to say that they have recently undergone imaging examinations. Asking the patient this question specifically can prevent the same examination from being unnecessarily repeated and enable a diagnosis to be obtained faster. Unnecessarily repeating an examination is not convenient for the patient.

***Talk to your patients about it!***

# In some cases, avoiding a radiological examination is in the patient's interest!



## The benefits for the patients

- They avoid unnecessary exposure to ionising radiation
- Additional expense is avoided
- They save time and avoid any inconvenience of repeating an examination



The appropriate use of imaging improves healthcare management for everyone: providing enhanced availability of equipment and control of costs

## The patient cannot provide the radiological images recently taken?

The radiologists or your colleagues consulted by the patient can send at least the report of the examination, if not the required radiological images, to you directly. Images from previous examinations can also be reached via local or national imaging PACS systems where these are available.

## How to proceed in cases of chronic pathology?

The recommendations for good medical imaging practices (imaging referral guidelines) often include information about the frequency of the radiological examinations necessary for patients suffering from a chronic pathology. If in doubt, the other physicians involved in the medical follow-up of your patient will be a useful source of information.

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