

PICC Line Documentation Policy

Radiology is responsible for the professional interpretation and radiographic documentation of final catheter position for PICC line placements.

If there is an abnormal/incidental finding for a PICC line placement interpretation and you feel an additional chest x-ray is necessary, please follow this procedure:

- Contact the referring provider and request that they place an order for the additional chest x-ray. If you are unable to reach the referring provider, you may place the order for the additional chest x-ray.
- Document the reason for the additional imaging in the chest x-ray report.

Please see below for the guidelines when additional tests are needed.

Rules for Testing Facility to Furnish Additional Tests

- If the testing facility cannot reach the treating provider to change the order or obtain a new order and documents this in the medical record, then the testing facility may furnish the additional diagnostic test if all of the following criteria apply:
 - The testing center performs the diagnostic test ordered by the treating provider;
 - The interpreting physician at the testing facility determines and documents that, because of the abnormal result of the diagnostic test performed, an additional diagnostic test is medically necessary;
 - Delaying the performance of the additional diagnostic test would have an adverse effect on the care of the beneficiary;
 - The result of the test is communicated to and is used by the treating provider in the treatment of the beneficiary; and
 - The interpreting physician at the testing facility documents in his/her report why additional testing was done.