

Imaging of Retained Surgical Objects

These exams, performed in the OR, require immediate image review by the **attending** radiologists. Since the attending surgeon is required to stay in the OR till communication with the attending radiologist is completed, it is imperative for the attending radiologist to expedite these exams.

Please use the Radiologist checklist (figure 1) when communicating with the attending surgeon and the autotext “communication” (figure 2) in Powerscribe to standardize documentation. DH will track and monitor this process.

Missing surgical object:

The technologist will obtain an image of the missing object(s) if the object is known or there is an over count. The exception is In cases of emergency surgery or delivery when there is no count and no known missing object.

The detailed process map (figure 3) is enclosed.

Figure 1 Radiologist check list

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Attending radiologist checklist

- Call OR and talk to attending surgeon
- Verify the following:
 - Surgical site(s)
 - Boundary of coverage
 - Missing object – if known, the type and number
- Agree on the interpretation & additional imaging if needed
- Document communication using Autotext (macro phrase)
“communication”.

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Fig 2 Autotext “communication”

Autotext "communication"

- I discussed these results with [] on 11/1/2018 10:36 AM and verified that (s)he understood these results.

Figure 3 Process flow map in swim lanes

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