

OPTIMAL IMAGING POLICIES

General Comments

- The following policies are specific to Optimal Imaging and do not apply to St Vincents hospitals or the Breast Health Center.
- All other radiology policies (e.g. contrast, MRI, etc.) apply to Optimal Imaging unless they directly contradict the following policies.

Contrast Allergy

- Optimal Imaging cannot perform CT with IV contrast examinations on any patients with a history of allergic-like reaction to CT IV contrast (regardless of the reaction severity or if premedication is used).
- Optimal Imaging can perform CT with oral contrast examinations on patients with history of allergic-like reaction to CT IV contrast.
- Optimal Imaging cannot perform MRI with IV contrast examinations on patients with history of allergic-like reaction to MRI IV contrast (regardless of the reaction severity or if premedication is used).

Pediatric Patients

- ACR defines pediatric patients as patients 18 years of age or younger.
- Optimal Imaging is not allowed to perform CT imaging on any pediatric patients, since the facilities are not ACR accredited for CT imaging in pediatric patients.
- MRI imaging on patients 12 years of age or younger is at radiologist discretion, and the patient must be able to remain still for the examination.
- US imaging on patients 12 years of age or younger is at radiologist discretion.
- Xray imaging is allowed on pediatric patients of any age.

Patients with Pacemakers or Defibrillators

- Optimal Imaging cannot perform MRI exams on patients with pacemakers or defibrillators due to the requirement to have a nurse monitor vital signs.