Radiology: What do we have a right to expect?

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• Incidental findings managed by the ED in 82%
Current State: Major Concerns

What are your biggest concerns with the interface between your department and the Department of Radiology at your institution?

- Access to CT/US: 9%
- Access to MR: 15%
- Turnaround times for attending radiology reads: 38%
- Communication between Radiology and ED providers: 23%
- Turf issues related to Radiologists concerns about ED-performed and interpreted point of care US: 4%
- The way institution handles incidental findings on imaging studies performed: 31%

Response Percent
So what should we expect from Radiology?

• 24/7 attending level reads on all studies
  – No situations where radiology residents are unsupervised
  – Quality control if utilizing unaffiliated night hawk service
• Ability to order and obtain all imaging studies 24/7 within 30-60’
• Median TAT after study completion of <30’ for all studies
• Nonessential incidental findings managed outside the ED
• Support for EM-performed PoC US