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RADIOLOGY AND BIOMEDICAL IMAGING UPDATES

OpenNotes and 21st Century Cures Act

Effective March 2, 2021, federal regulations require all radiology test results to be shared with patients through MyChart immediately upon finalization. This is in compliance with 21st Century Cures Act. Patients already have a right to their medical records, including physician notes, and were able to obtain them on demand either electronically or on paper through Medical Records.

Note sharing seeks to enhance transparency, engage patients and improve communication between patients, caregivers and clinicians.

Our radiologists look forward to rapidly sharing our world class imaging reports with our patients.

A summary disposition will be included at the top of reports, and statements will match the categories selected by the reporting radiologist.

For exams that are normal, the patient will see:

- Our doctor in radiology has carefully reviewed your test.
- The test is normal.
- The report has been sent to your healthcare provider who ordered your test.

For exams that are abnormal/critical, the patient will see:

- Our doctor in radiology has carefully reviewed your test.
- The results below have already been sent to your healthcare provider.

Please discuss your results with your healthcare provider. If you are unable to reach your physician/healthcare provider, you may also call the radiology department at 203-785-6938 from 8 am to 6 pm, Monday thru Friday with any questions.

Expansion of hours for radiology services



With social distancing requirements and demand for YNH Radiology services, we are rolling out extended hours at most of our sites over the next few months. Weekend and extended evening appointments will be available for nearly all modalities. This is one extra step towards making sure our patients get convenient access whenever they need us. To accommodate more ultrasound and CT scan patients, hours in the Hamden

outpatient site, 2560 Dixwell Avenue, have been expanded with evening and weekend hours.

Radiology and Biomedical Imaging Town Hall

Due to COVID-19, we have been unable to host our popular Radiology and Biomedical Imaging update events in the community. We are pleased to be transitioning this event in the spring to a virtual town hall, Radiology Enhancements and Changes for 2021, and invitations will be sent to community clinicians soon. Topics highlighted will be:

- Incidental findings communication
- Patient friendly reports through NLP
- Patient self-scheduling

Modality Grid Available on Website

We are distributing the YNHCH modality grid to offices as requested. For an electronic version, visit the following website.

[https://medicine.yale.edu/diagnosticradiology/patientcare/patients/YNHH%20Radiology%20Modality%20Grid%20%2812.1.2020%29 401376 284 6614 v1.pdf](https://medicine.yale.edu/diagnosticradiology/patientcare/patients/YNHH%20Radiology%20Modality%20Grid%20%2812.1.2020%29%20401376%20284%206614%20v1.pdf)



Updated Visitor Policy for Inpatients

On Wednesday, March 3, Yale New Haven Hospital began allowing limited visitors on selected units.

PEDIATRIC UPDATES

Pediatric Spine Program

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital Pediatric Spine Program provides compassionate, expert care for children with acute and complex conditions affecting the spine. A multidisciplinary team of Yale Medicine specialists offers the highest level of care through innovative therapies and treatments with non-surgical and surgical options for pediatric patients.

Surgical outcomes outperform the national average in areas such as length-of-stay in the hospital after surgery, recovery time and degree of curvature correction in scoliosis patients. Advanced technology, such as 3D modeling, allows surgeons to create a replica of a patient's spine to determine the best approach to surgery. This advanced preparation equates to less time in the OR and less recovery time for the patient. In addition, our membership of the Scoliosis Research Society facilitates networking and exchange of research and ideas with other leading spine experts from over 50 countries.

Our expert pediatric team treats the following conditions:

- Scoliosis, kyphosis, lordosis
- Cervical
- Thoracic, lumbar conditions
- Neuromuscular conditions
- Lesions
- Spinal injuries
- Spinal cord

Spine Services are offered at these YNHCH Pediatric Specialty Centers:

New Haven

1 Long Wharf Drive, 2nd floor

Greenwich

West Putnam Medical Center
500 West Putnam Ave., 2nd floor

Pediatric Sleep Medicine

Yale Medicine sleep medicine experts at Yale New Haven Children's Hospital assess and manage infants, toddlers and adolescents with sleep problems. Our sleep medicine providers are board-certified in pediatrics and sleep medicine; most are board-certified in pediatric pulmonology as well.

Our Sleep Centers have state-of-the-art equipment where children receive comprehensive care in a warm, child-friendly environment. The studies are supervised by highly trained physicians and technologists who are experts in diagnosing a wide variety of pediatric sleep disorders.

Sleep Medicine services are offered at these YNHCH Pediatric Specialty Centers:

New Haven

1 Long Wharf Drive, 2nd floor

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
1 Park St., WP2

Norwalk

Belden Square
747 Belden Avenue, 1st floor

Old Saybrook

Old Saybrook Medical Center
633 Middlesex Turnpike

Trumbull

Park Avenue Medical Center
5520 Park Ave., West Pavilion, Suite G-600

Overnight sleep studies are offered at these Sleep Centers:

New Haven

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
1 Park St.

Bridgeport

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, Bridgeport Campus, Bridgeport Hospital
267 Grant St.

Greenwich

Greenwich Hospital
5 Perryridge Rd.

Pediatric Audiology

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital offers a full range of audiology services in our specially designed, child-friendly Pediatric Specialty Centers. Our pediatric audiologists are trained and dedicated to improving the lives of children with hearing difficulties.

Our caring team provides compassionate and innovative solutions to diagnostics, treatment and management for a full range of hearing disorders. With specially-equipped sound booths we are able to test children from birth through 21 years of age. A test assistant is available for children who may require help understanding the listening tasks while in the booth. Working with the child and family, our audiologists collaborate with other pediatric specialists such as otolaryngologists (ENT), speech-language pathologists, craniofacial, genetics, neurology, and developmental/ behavioral pediatrics to develop an individualized care plan to offer the most effective treatment options. Using leading technology, our team will ensure the patient is optimally fit to maximize audibility. In addition to medical professionals, our pediatric audiologists remain in frequent contact with the patient's birth-to-three team, educational audiologists and their school system.

Services and rehabilitation include:

- Newborn follow up testing
- Age appropriate hearing evaluations
- Auditory brainstem response testing
- Ototoxicity monitoring
- Hearing aids
- Cochlear implants
- Bone anchored hearing devices

Audiology services are offered at our Pediatric Specialty Centers:

New Haven

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital
1 Park St.

Norwalk

Belden Square
747 Belden Avenue, 1st floor

Old Saybrook

Old Saybrook Medical Center
633 Middlesex Turnpike

Trumbull

Park Avenue Medical Center
5520 Park Ave., Suite G-600

To schedule an appointment for the Pediatric Spine, Sleep or Audiology Programs, call 877-YALE-MDS (877-925-3637).

COVID Cardiology Hotline

For community clinicians who have a COVID patient with cardiac symptoms and would like a quick consult about whether to refer a patient or make a referral, a COVID Cardiology Hotline is available by calling (203)785-5266.

Upcoming Community Virtual Events

Pediatric Community Meetings are now held virtually and are scheduled through April at 7am.

Thursday, March 25, Cynthia Sparer, chief ambulatory officer, senior vice president and executive director, Children's Hospital and Women's Services at Yale New Haven Hospital (YNHH), speaks about the state of Yale New Haven Children's Hospital.

Thursday, April 8, Angela Arlen, MD, Assistant Professor of Urology, Yale School of Medicine, will speak about circumcision contraindications.

Thursday, April 22, David Colen, MD, plastic and reconstructive surgeon, specializing in upper and lower extremity reconstruction, topic to be determined.

To be added to the email list and notified of meeting dates, please contact your physician liaison.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

Pediatric Grand Rounds are held virtually every Wednesday at noon. For details and to be added to the mailing list for notifications, send your request to sheryl.richetelli@yale.edu.

COVID-19 Town Halls

Town Halls for our pediatric community providers regarding COVID-19 are held on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm. Led by Thomas Murray, MD, PhD, associate medical director, infection prevention, YNHCH and Matthew Grossman, MD, interim section chief, hospital medicine, vice chair for quality and safety, YNHCH. You may submit questions in advance of the meeting.



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