

Supplemental Guide: Neuroradiology



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Milestones Supplemental Guide

This document provides additional guidance and examples for the Neuroradiology Milestones. This is not designed to indicate any specific requirements for each level, but to provide insight into the thinking of the Milestone Work Group.

Included in this document is the intent of each Milestone and examples of what a Clinical Competency Committee (CCC) might expect to be observed/assessed at each level. Also included are suggested assessment models and tools for each subcompetency, references, and other useful information.

Review this guide with the CCC and faculty members. As the program develops a shared mental model of the Milestones, consider creating an individualized guide (Supplemental Guide Template available) with institution/program-specific examples, assessment tools used by the program, and curricular components.

Additional tools and references, including the Milestones Guidebook, Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook, and Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows, are available on the Resources page of the Milestones section of the ACGME website.

Patient Care 1: Reporting	
Overall Intent: To generate effective radiology reports tailored to the care provider	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Generates reports with appropriate elements for coding	 For a head computerized tomography (CT) scan, creates a report that includes history, comparison, technique, contrast, findings, all required anatomy, and impressions/conclusions
Describes lexicons and structured reporting	Describes one of the lexicons used in neuroradiology reports; describes structured reporting used
Level 2 Efficiently generates clear, concise, and thoroughly proofread reports which do not require substantive correction Uses lexicons and structured reporting that do	Creates a report for spine magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) using appropriate lexicon, such as Lumbar Disc Nomenclature 2.0, without major corrections
not require substantive correction	
Level 3 Efficiently generates clear, concise, and thoroughly proofread reports which rarely require correction Uses lexicons and structured reporting which rarely require correction	 Creates a report that describes the essential elements of stroke imaging including core infarct size, penumbra, perfusion, vascular occlusion location, collaterals, and presence of hemorrhage; rarely has grammatical errors
Level 4 Generates tailored reports meeting the needs of the subspecialty care provider	Creates a report (structured or unstructured) describing neck nodal staging to guide management decisions
Proficiently uses lexicons and structured reporting to provide accurate and timely reports which do not require correction	Creates a report for post-treatment neck evaluation using appropriate lexicons and Neck Imaging Reporting and Data System (NI-RADS); accurately describes an abnormality
Level 5 Creates and revises templates to meet the needs of the subspecialty care provider	Creates a template that includes common data elements to provide classification of spine trauma, using a scoring system such as AO Spine
Serves as a role model for use of lexicons and structured reporting	Creates a template that includes the elements for brain tumor including molecular markers, treatment course, enhancement and signal characteristics, perfusion and diffusion patterns, presence of hemorrhage
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observationEvaluation of reportsFaculty evaluations

Multisource feedback
 Lexicon usage may be variable between institutions A "substantive correction" to a report (Level 2) would be a description that needs changes to the lexicons, right versus left, or fails to modify template to reflect actual case American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR). ASNR Neuroradiology CDE Distribution Supporting Documentation. https://www.asnr.org/resources/cde. 2020. American College of Radiology (ACR). ACR Practice Parameter for Communication of Diagnostic Imaging Findings. https://www.acr.org/-/media/acr/files/practice-parameters/communicationdiag.pdf. 2020. Fardon DF, Williams AL, Dohring EJ, et al. Lumbar dis nomenclature: version 2.0; Recommendations of the combined task forces of the North American Spine Society, the American Society of Spine Radiology and the American Society of Neuroradiology. Spine J. 2014;14(11):2525-2545. https://www.thespinejournalonline.com/article/S1529-9430(14)00409-4/pdf. 2020. Radiological Society of North America (RSNA). Rad Report. http://www.radreport.org. 2020. Flanders AE, Jordan JE. The ASNR-ACR-RSNA Common Data Elements Project: What Will It Do for the House of Neuroradiology? http://www.ainr.org/content/40/1/14 RSNA RadReport. https://radreport.org/ ASNR 2019 Neuroradiology CDE Distribution Supporting Documentation https://www.asnr.org/resources/cde-new-layout/ ACR. Neck Imaging Reporting & Data System (NI-RADS™) https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Reporting-and-Data-Systems/NI-RADS ACR. Thyroid Imaging Reporting & Data System (TI-RADS™) https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Reporting-and-Data-Systems/TI-RADS

Patient Care 2: Consultant in Neuroradiology Overall Intent: To provide a high-quality clinical consultation	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Uses established evidence-based imaging guidelines, such as American College of Radiology (ACR) Appropriateness Criteria®	 Looks up glomerular filtration rate prior to protocolling a study with intravenous contrast Consults the ACR Appropriateness Criteria to determine the best study to perform for a patient with a focal neurologic deficit
Level 2 Integrates clinical data with imaging findings to develop a differential diagnosis; uses evidence-based imaging guidelines to recommend imaging of common neuroradiology conditions	 Recommends dedicated pituitary imaging when asked by clinician about what study to order in a patient with elevated prolactin Integrates imaging findings with distribution of pain or weakness when interpreting MRI lumbar spine images
Level 3 Integrates clinical data with imaging findings to develop a differential diagnosis; uses evidence-based imaging guidelines to recommend imaging of complex neuroradiology conditions	Consults about a brain tumor and recommends advanced MRI in preparation for biopsy or surgery
Level 4 Effectively provides independent consultation to subspecialists taking into consideration cost effectiveness, risks, and benefits	Appropriately makes subspecialist level recommendations during multidisciplinary conferences
Level 5 Serves as an expert neuroradiology resource for other providers	 Provides presurgical consultation including discussion of functional imaging and/or tractography findings in cases of surgically guided brain tumor resections Discusses the implications of genetic markers in brain tumors
Assessment Models or Tools	 Case conferences Direct observation End-of-rotation evaluation Faculty member evaluation Multisource feedback Report review of recommendations
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	 American College of Radiology. ACR Appropriateness Criteria. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria. 2020. ACR. ACR Appropriateness Modules for Radiology Residents. http://jhrad.com/acr/. 2020. ACR. Manual on Contrast Media. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Contrast-Manual. 2020. Consultations can be over the phone, in the reading room, at tumor boards, etc.

- Image Gently. Pediatric Radiology and Imaging. http://www.Imagegently.org. 2020.
 Institutional policies

Patient Care 3: Interpretation of Neuroimaging Overall Intent: To appropriately prioritize differential diagnosis for imaging findings and recommend management	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Identifies primary imaging findings in common conditions	Identifies intracranial hemorrhage Identifies an intracranial mass
Level 2 Identifies secondary imaging findings, recognizes critical imaging findings, and formulates differential diagnoses	 Identifies hemorrhage is in the parenchyma (rather than subarachnoid or extra-axial); generates differential considerations including tumor, stroke, trauma, vascular, and hypertension Accurately determines if a mass is intra-axial, extra-axial, or intraventricular
Level 3 Prioritizes differential diagnoses and helps to guide management	In the setting of an atraumatic hemorrhage, takes into consideration that the hemorrhage is in the basal ganglia and prioritizes hypertension
	 In the setting of an atraumatic hemorrhage, takes into consideration that the hemorrhage is in the subarachnoid space, recommends computed tomography angiography (CTA) or magnetic resonance angiography to look for aneurysm Based upon additional imaging characteristics of a mass, provides a tailored differential
	diagnosis
Level 4 Provides an accurate diagnosis with integration of clinical history	 Reviews a CT/CTA brain showing M1 large vessel occlusion, determines how long since onset, and recommends consultation with neuro-interventional radiology Recognizes emergent features or secondary effects of a mass necessitating immediate consultation with the referring provider or neurosurgery
Level 5 Demonstrates expertise at a level expected of a subspecialist, including for rare or unusual conditions	 Identifies brain lesion as tumefactive multiple sclerosis on pre-operative imaging and immediately contacts and informs the surgeon Based upon unique features of the mass, suggests pausing on planned biopsy or surgery
Assessment Models or Tools	as it may be due an unusual infarct, amyloid angiopathy or therapy affects • Direct observation • End-of-rotation evaluation • Exam scores (e.g., RadExam, quizzes, multiple choice exams other types of national exams) • Simulation • Objective structured clinical examination (OSCE) • Multisource feedback
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 ACR. ACR Appropriateness Criteria. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria. 2020. CME courses Conferences

 Rotation goals and objectives for recommended reading Textbooks and online resources Tumor Board
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Patient Care 4: Competence in Neuroradiology Procedures Overall Intent: To proficiently and independently perform procedures; to anticipate and manage complications of procedures	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Performs pre-procedural work-up	Reviews available brain imaging and laboratory values Obtains patient informed consent and performs time-out
Discusses indications, contraindications, and potential complications	Knows that a patient with a large intracranial mass causing midline shift should not undergo lumbar puncture
Level 2 Competently performs procedures, with direct supervision Recognizes complications and enlists help	Performs image guided lumbar puncture with direct supervision; recognizes spinal headache is the most common complication
Level 3 Competently performs procedures, with indirect supervision Manages complications, with supervision	Performs image guided lumbar puncture with indirect supervision; recognizes spinal headache is the most common complication and reassures patient that most headaches resolve within one to two days, advises increasing caffeine intake
Level 4 Competently performs procedures independently	Recognizes patient has coagulopathy prior to procedure and develops a plan for management
Anticipates challenges and independently manages complications	Performs image guided lumbar puncture, recognizes that patients with increased body mass index (BMI) or severe scoliosis may not be able to lie prone and modifies technique; plans approach prior to procedure using available imaging
Level 5 Competently teaches procedural skills to others independently	Performs and teaches image-guided lumbar puncture
Modifies procedures in anticipation of potential challenges or complications	Selects cervical approach in cases which preclude lumbar access
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation End-of-rotation evaluation Point-of-care procedural checklist Procedure logs Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	Background and Intent: The ACGME Glossary of Terms defines conditional independence as "graded, progressive responsibility for patient care with defined oversight."

Invasive procedures are identified by local institution. Examples include: lumbar puncture, myelogram, salivary gland biopsy, disc aspiration, vertebral body biopsy, lymph node biopsy, and angiography.
 Society of Interventional Radiology. https://www.sirweb.org/. 2020.
 Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery. www.snisonline.org. 2020.
 The care of patients is undertaken with appropriate faculty supervision and conditional independence, allowing fellows to attain the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and empathy required for autonomous practice.

Medical Knowledge 1: Application of Neuroscience to Neuroradiology Overall Intent: To apply knowledge of pathophysiology, anatomy, genetics of diseases, and treatment related effects to image interpretation	
and management Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Discusses basic pathophysiology, anatomy, genetics of diseases, and treatment- related effects of the brain, neck, and spine	Discusses pathophysiology of acute ischemia
Level 2 Applies knowledge of pathophysiology, anatomy, genetics of diseases, and treatment- related effects to image interpretation and management of common conditions	 Provides a focused differential diagnosis for a brain mass on MRI, using the patient's demographics, presenting symptoms, laboratory values, and imaging features Recognizes a necrotic cervical lymph node in an adult and recommends biopsy with HPV/p16 testing to evaluate for metastatic squamous cell carcinoma
Level 3 Applies knowledge of pathophysiology, anatomy, genetics of diseases, and treatment- related effects to image interpretation and management of uncommon conditions	Identifies an acute infarct on a brain MRI of a child, localizes it to the correct vascular distribution, and recommends MR angiography and vessel wall imaging to evaluate for underlying vasculopathy which would be a common cause of stroke in a pediatric patient
Level 4 Applies knowledge of pathophysiology, anatomy, genetics of diseases, and treatment- related effects to image interpretation and management of rare or unusual conditions	 Recognizes the presence of cortical enhancement in a nonvascular distribution in a patient with a history of cancer treated with brain radiation therapy and proposes a diagnosis of stroke-like migraine attacks after radiation therapy (SMART) syndrome, distinguishing this from leptomeningeal metastasis
Level 5 Teaches and advances the application of neuroscience to neuroradiology	 Presents a grand rounds or lecture to a multidisciplinary audience at a national meeting or at the home institution on a topic pertaining to neuroimaging.
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation at the workstation and multidisciplinary conferences Quarterly evaluation Case conference observation Simulation OSCE
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	• ASNR. Curriculum for Trainees. https://www.asnr.org/education/neuroradiology-curricula-for-trainees/ . 2020.

Medical Knowledge 2: Protocol Selection, Contrast Agent Selection/Dosing and Image Optimization Overall Intent: To apply knowledge of protocol selection to optimize imaging	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Discusses protocols and contrast agent/dose	Is familiar with and can use department protocols for imaging
Discusses imaging technology and image acquisition	
Level 2 Selects protocols and contrast agent/dose for common exams	Determines appropriate contrast dose and timing for CTA
Demonstrates knowledge of image acquisition and processing, and recognizes common imaging artifacts and technical problems	Understands that a trauma patient should have an unenhanced CT of brain prior to additional trauma imaging with contrast
Level 3 Selects protocols and contrast agent/dose for advanced exams	Determines appropriate dose and timing for a multiphase parathyroid protocol
Applies knowledge of image acquisition and processing and troubleshoots for imaging artifacts and technical problems	Recognizes wrap artifact and appropriately conveys information to technologists
Level 4 Independently tailors protocols to answer complex clinical questions	Adjusts imaging techniques to limit metallic or motion artifacts in CT and MR
Proficiently optimizes image acquisition and processing in collaboration with the technologist/imaging team	Modifies standard contrast dosing for reduced renal function
Level 5 Teaches and/or develops imaging protocols	Designs a functional MRI protocol
Teaches and advances knowledge of image acquisition and processing	Develops a MR protocol for vessel wall imaging
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation End-of-rotation evaluation Exam and quiz scores Multisource feedback
	Protocol engagement report

Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	American College of Radiology. Appropriateness Criteria. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-
	Resources/ACR-Appropriateness-Criteria. 2020.
	ACR. Radiology Safety. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-Safety . 2020.
	ACR. Radiation Safety in Adult Medical Imaging. https://www.imagewisely.org/ . 2020.
	• Image Gently. Pediatric Radiology and Imaging. https://www.imagegently.org/ . 2020.
	RSNA. Physics Modules. https://www.rsna.org/en/education/trainee-resources/physics-
	<u>modules</u> . 2020.

Systems-Based Practice 1: Patient Safety	
Overall Intent: To engage in the analysis and management of patient safety events, including relevant communication with patients, families, and health care professionals	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of common patient safety events	Aware that extravasation of contrast is a safety event and knows where and how to report
Demonstrates knowledge of how to report patient safety events	
Level 2 Identifies system factors that lead to patient safety events	• Identifies that poor communication and poor patient hand-offs contribute to patient safety events
Reports patient safety events through institutional reporting systems (simulated or actual)	Has identified and reported a patient safety issue (real or simulated), along with system factors contributing to that issue
Level 3 Participates in analysis of patient safety events (simulated or actual) Participates in disclosure of patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or	Has reviewed a patient safety event (e.g., preparing for morbidity and mortality (M and M) presentations), joining a root cause analysis group and has communicated with patients/families about such an event
actual)	
Level 4 Conducts analysis of patient safety events and offers error prevention strategies (simulated or actual)	Presents root cause analysis at M and M conference and develops an action plan where appropriate
Discloses patient safety events to patients and families (simulated or actual)	Collaborates with a team to lead the analysis of a patient safety event and can competently communicate with patients/families about those events
Level 5 Actively engages teams and processes to modify systems to prevent patient safety events	Competently assumes a leadership role at the departmental or institutional level for patient safety, possibly even being the person to initiate action or call attention to the need for action
Serves as a role model to or mentors others in the disclosure of patient safety events	
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Documentation of patient safety project processes or outcomes E-module multiple choice tests (e.g., Institute for Healthcare Improvement module, institutional module)

	Medical record (chart) audit
	M and M conference
	Multisource feedback
	Reflection
	Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	• Institute of Healthcare Improvement. http://www.ihi.org/Pages/default.aspx . 2020.

Systems-Based Practice 2: Quality Improvement (QI) Overall Intent: To demonstrate knowledge of core QI concepts and how they inform the modern practice of medicine, to demonstrate an ability to conduct a QI project	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of basic quality improvement methodologies and metrics	Knows that quality improvement methodologies include root cause analysis and fishbone diagraming
Level 2 Describes local quality improvement initiatives	• Is aware of institutional QI initiatives, for example handwashing initiative and time-outs
Level 3 Participates in local quality improvement initiatives	Fellow participates in departmental or hospital QI committee Has participated in a QI project
Level 4 Demonstrates the skills required to identify, develop, implement, and analyze a quality improvement project	Participates in the completion or analysis of a QI project
Level 5 Creates, implements, and assesses quality improvement initiatives at the divisional, departmental, or institutional level	 Competently assumes a leadership role at the departmental or institutional level for patient safety and/or QI initiatives, possibly even being the person to initiate action or call attention to the need for action Obtains advanced QI training Lean Six Sigma
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Documentation of QI processes or outcomes E-module multiple choice tests Medical record (chart audit) Multisource feedback Reflection Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 Institute of Healthcare Improvement. http://www.ihi.org/Pages/default.aspx. 2020. Institutional resources

Systems-Based Practice 3: System Navigation for Patient-Centered Care	
Overall Intent: To effectively navigate the healt	h care system, including the interdisciplinary team and other care providers, to adapt care to
a specific patient population to ensure high-quality patient outcomes	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of care	Identifies the members of the interprofessional team, describes their roles and
coordination and transitions of care in	understands their various ways of interacting
imaging/procedures	Describes an effective sign out to the next radiology team member
Level 2 Coordinates care of patients and	Works with other members of the radiology team (e.g., nurses, technologists) to
transitions of care in routine imaging/procedures	coordinate patient imaging, but requires supervision to ensure all necessary imaging or a procedure is performed
	Hands off appropriate follow up for a CT or MRI with an urgent or emergent finding
Level 3 Coordinates care of patients and transitions of care in complex	Coordinates the imaging sequencing for complex patients such as multi-injured trauma patients
imaging/procedures '	Manages unexpected post-operative results on a CT or MRI exam
	Prioritizes urgent patients from the intensive care unit (ICU), trauma, immediate post-
	operative exams and medicine for imaging/procedures and hands off the plan to the team on the next shift
Level 4 Role models effective coordination of	Role models and educates students and more junior team members regarding the
patient-centered care and transitions of care among different disciplines and specialties	engagement of the radiology team as needed for each patient, and ensures the necessary resources have been arranged
	Provides efficient hand-offs to ICU team at the end of a rapid response event that occurred in radiology
	Coordinates and prioritizes consultant input for a new high-risk diagnosis (such as malignancy) to ensure the patient gets appropriate follow-up
	Guides more junior residents in an effective post-procedure hand-off to the referring service
Level 5 Analyzes the process of care coordination or transitions of care and leads in the design and implementation of	Works with hospital or ambulatory site team members or leadership to analyze care coordination in that setting, and takes a leadership role in designing and implementing changes to improve the care coordination process
multidisciplinary process improvements	 Works with a QI mentor to identify better hand-off tools or to improve teaching sessions Engages with quality or lean management initiatives to improve the timeliness of imaging or procedures; reporting tools and templates; mechanisms of communication including unexpected findings; or other aspects of patient care and service
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation
	Medical record (chart) audit
	Multisource feedback including from patients and allied health staff
	• OSCE

	Review of sign-out tools Use/completion of checklists
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 "Routine" refers to imaging/procedures that are performed on a daily basis, such as coordinating a lumbar puncture. "Complex" refers to situations that require more thoughtful and careful coordination, such as coordinating a lumber puncture in a patient with coagulopathy and that needs anesthesia. Institutional hand-off guidelines Joint Commission Center for Transforming Healthcare. Hand-off Communications Targeted Solutions Tool. https://www.centerfortransforminghealthcare.org/improvement-topics/hand-off-communications/. 2020. Working with the local population the fellow can participate in areas within or outside of radiology (e.g. open door clinics, diabetes screening)

Systems-Based Practice 4: Physician Role in Health Care Systems Overall Intent: To understand the physician's role in the complex health care system and how to optimize the system to improve patient care	
and the health system's performance	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Identifies key components of the complex health care system (e.g., hospital, finance, personnel, technology)	 Recognizes that multiple components exist in a health care system, including various practice settings, reimbursement models, types of insurance, changes and trends related to ongoing health care reform efforts and government programs
Describes the mechanisms for reimbursement, including types of payors	 Describes various payment systems, such as Medicare, Medicaid, the US Department of Veterans Affairs (the VA), and commercial third-party payors Describes various practice models
Level 2 Describes how components of a complex health care system are interrelated, and how this impacts patient care	Understands that pre-authorization may impact patient care and remuneration to the health system
States relative cost of common procedures	States relative costs of head CT versus head MRI
Level 3 Discusses how individual practice affects the broader system (e.g., length of stay, readmission rates, clinical efficiency)	Understands that turnaround times and dictation errors may affect patient care (e.g., quality, safety, and length of stay) which impacts the broader system
Describes the technical and professional components of imaging costs	Differentiates between the technical and professional costs of a head CT or head MRI
Level 4 Manages various components of the complex health care system to provide efficient and effective patient care	 Works collaboratively with pertinent stakeholders to improve procedural start times including using quality improvement tools and lean management philosophy Works collaboratively to improve informed consent for non-English-speaking patients requiring interpreter services
Describes the radiology revenue cycle and measurements of productivity (e.g., relative value units)	 Understands the multiple components of the revenue cycle applied to a CT or MRI exam Understands how relative value units differ between imaging exams, how they are calculated, and how they are refined at a national level with the government
Level 5 Advocates for or leads systems change that enhances high-value, efficient, and effective patient care	Publishes original research on high-value patient care in peer-reviewed journal(s)
Participates in health policy revenue and finance activities	Works with local, regional, state, or national organizations to advocate for improved stroke recognition, triage and emergent treatment.
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation

Medical record (chart) audit
Multiple choice test
 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Measuring the Quality of Physician Care. https://www.ahrq.gov/talkingquality/measures/setting/physician/index.html. 2020. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. Major Physician Performance Sets. https://www.ahrq.gov/talkingquality/measures/setting/physician/measurement-sets.html. 2020. The Commonwealth Fund. Health System Data Center. http://datacenter.commonwealthfund.org/? ga=2.110888517.1505146611.1495417431-1811932185.1495417431#ind=1/sc=1. 2020. Dzau VJ, McClellan MB, McGinnis JM, et al. Vital directions for health and health care: Priorities from a National Academy of Medicine initiative. JAMA. 2017;317(14):1461-1470. https://nam.edu/vital-directions-for-health-health-care-priorities-from-a-national-academy-of-medicine-initiative/. 2020. Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation. https://www.kff.org/. 2020. Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation. Health Reform. https://www.kff.org/health-reform/. 2020. Lam DL, Medverd JR. How radiologists get paid: resource-based relative value scale and the revenue cycle. AJR. 2013;201:947-958. https://www.aironline.org/doi/full/10.2214/AJR.12.9715. 2020. Oklahoma State University Medical Center Diagnostic Radiology Residency. Business of Radiology. http://www.osumcradiology.org/educationalschedule/lecutres/BusinessofRadiology/#0. 2020. RSNA. Online Learning Center. Level 1: Reimbursement Basic. http://education.rsna.org/diweb/catalog/item?id=2210377. 2020. RSNA. Online Learning Center. Level 2: Service Valuation and Costs.

Overall Intent: Demonstrates competence in recognizing and managing contrast (iodinated and gadolinium) reactions in adult and pediatric patients	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of contrast safety and reactions	 Has basic knowledge and awareness of contrast reactions, including recognition and management of contrast reactions. Accesses resources for recommended pre-treatment options for a known contrast reaction Has basic knowledge of safe utilization of contrast agents for MRI, CT, angiography, and myelography Can describe the management of: Bronchospasm Contrast extravasation Diffuse erythema Hives Hypotension with bradycardia Hypotension with tachycardia Laryngeal edema Premedication regimens
Level 2 Recognizes contrast safety issues and reactions	 Consistently and reliably recognizes different signs of a contrast reaction in simulation or actual in the CT or MRI department Recognizes clinical scenarios when contrast agents may not be appropriate to administer Recognizes the following: Bronchospasm Diffuse erythema Hives Hypotension with bradycardia Hypotension with tachycardia Laryngeal edema
Level 3 Manages contrast safety concerns and reactions, with supervision	 Consistently and reliably manages (with supervision) contrast reactions in simulation or actual in the CT or MRI department Consistently and reliably makes appropriate choices (with supervision) regarding utilization of contrast agents Recognizes that pediatric patients may require weight-based dosing of some medications and that normal vital signs in pediatric patients differ from adults Manages the following: Bronchospasm

	○ Diffuse erythema
	∘ Hives
	○ Hypotension with bradycardia
	○ Hypotension with tachycardia
	o Laryngeal edema
Level 4 Independently manages contrast safety	Consistently and reliably recognizes and manages contrast reactions independently in
concerns and reactions	simulation or actual in the CT or MRI department
	Consistently and reliably makes appropriate choices independently regarding utilization of contrast agents
Level 5 Serves as a role model and researches	Assumes a leadership role in the department or institution to conduct a seminar or
on or teaches contrast safety, including to	continuing medical education (CME) session for a variety of contrast reaction(s) or safety
referring providers	issues around contrast utilization
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation
	Medical record (chart) audit
	Multiple choice test
	Reflection
	Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	• ACR. Contrast Card. https://www.acr.org/-/media/ACR/Files/Clinical-Resources/Contrast-
	Reaction-Card.pdf. 2020.
	• ACR. Manual on Contrast Media. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Contrast-
	Manual. 2020.
	BLS and ACLS certification courses

Systems-Based Practice 6: Radiation Safety Overall Intent: To demonstrate competence in and to be an adveced for radiation safety averages.	
Overall Intent: To demonstrate competence in and to be an advocate for radiation safety awareness	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of the	Describes fundamental concepts in radiation biology addressing the mechanism of injury
mechanisms of radiation injury and the ALARA	at different radiation exposures
("as low as reasonably achievable") concept	 Describes the ALARA ("as low as reasonably achievable") concept including nuances related to pediatric patients
Level 2 Accesses resources to determine exam-	Accesses online resources to determine the average dose information for a routine head
specific average radiation dose information	СТ
Level 3 Communicates the relative risk of exam-	• Effectively communicates relative risks of the radiation exposure during a CT of the head
specific radiation exposure to patients and	to the patient, patient's family or referring provider
practitioners	
Level 4 Applies principles of ALARA in daily	Modifies CT parameters for a lumbar spine CT in keeping with the ALARA principles
practice including for pediatric patients	routinely in daily practice
Level 5 Creates, implements, and assesses	Begins a radiation safety initiative with the radiation safety officer addressing madifications to CT partitions according protocols for courts strake
radiation safety initiatives at the divisional, departmental, or institutional level	modifications to CT perfusion scanning protocols for acute stroke
Assessment Models or Tools	Chart, protocoling or other system documentation by fellow
Assessment woders of Tools	Direct observation
	Documentation of QI or radiation safety project processes or outcome
	Multiple choice test
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	ACR. ACR Appropriateness Criteria. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/ACR-
	Appropriateness-Criteria. 2020.
	ACR. Radiation Safety. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-
	Safety/Radiation-Safety. 2020.
	• ACR. Radiology Safety. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-Safety . 2020.
	• Image Gently. Pediatric Radiology and Imaging. https://www.imagegently.org/. 2020.
	Image Wisely. https://www.imagewisely.org/ . 2020. PSNA Physics Medules https://www.renes.org/en/educetien/traines resources/physics
	• RSNA. Physics Modules. https://www.rsna.org/en/education/trainee-resources/physics-modules . 2020.
	modules. 2020.

Systems-Based Practice 7: Magnetic Resonance (MR) Safety Overall Intent: To understand the practical aspects of MR safety	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of the risks of magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), including safety zones and pre-magnetic resonance (MR) screening	Describes safety zones Level I through IV Lists key components of MRI screening process Describes risks of the MRI environment
Level 2 Accesses resources to determine the safety of implanted devices and retained foreign bodies	Knows how to find resources to determine if it is safe to perform an MRI on a patient with shrapnel or an implanted medical device in the patient's body
Level 3 Discusses MR safety concerns, including implants and retained foreign bodies, with patients and practitioners	Communicates any risks of performing an MRI on a patient with shrapnel or an implanted medical device in the patient's body to the patient and other practitioners
Level 4 Independently applies principles of MR safety to daily practice	 Consistently makes appropriate decisions regarding safety of MRI in patients with implanted devices or retained foreign bodies Manages a patient with an MRI-conditional pacemaker or programmable shunt throughout the MRI process
Level 5 Creates, implements, and assesses MR safety initiatives at the divisional, departmental, or institutional level	 Participates as an active member in a divisional, departmental, or hospital MRI safety committee in creating or assessing MRI safety protocols Implements a protocol for safely imaging patients with a new type of implanted device
Assessment Models or Tools	 Multisource feedback, including from MRI Technologists RadExam patient safety assessment Safe MR Practices: Self-Assessment Module AJR 2007;188:S50–S54 0361-803X/07/1886–S50 © American Roentgen Ray Society
Curriculum Mapping	•
Notes or Resources	 ACR. ACR Manual on MR Safety. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-Safety/MR-Safety. ACR. MR Safety. https://www.acr.org/Clinical-Resources/Radiology-Safety/MR-Safety. Complete AAPM/RSNA Web Module: MRI Course #9 Quality/ Bioeffects/Safety MRI Questions. MRI Suite: Safety Zones. https://mriquestions.com/acr-safety-zones.html 2020. MRI Safety. https://mrisafety.com/ 2020. RSNA. Physics Modules. https://www.rsna.org/education/trainee-resources/physics-modules 2020.

Practice-Based Learning and Improvement 1: Evidence-Based and Informed Practice Overall Intent: To incorporate evidence and patient values into clinical practice	
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Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Demonstrates how to access and use available evidence to determine the best imaging examination for a routine patient/diagnosis	Understands the importance of imaging safety literature and websites
Level 2 Articulates clinical questions and elicits patient preferences and values in order to guide evidence-based imaging	• Identifies patients with conditional risks for MRI safety, radiation safety, or contrast use
Level 3 Locates and applies the best available evidence, integrated with patient preferences and values, to the care of complex patients	Uses radiology literature to determine patient MRI safety, radiation safety, or contrast use
Level 4 Critically appraises conflicting evidence to guide care, tailored to the individual patient	• Knows how to direct the clinical team for atypical situations in imaging (e.g., CT or MRI in pregnant patients, contrasting use in chronic kidney disease, or pediatric patient imaging)
Level 5 Coaches others to critically appraise and apply evidence for complex patients; and/or participates in the development of evidence- based care guidelines	Writes or revises department policy on MRI safety, radiation safety, or contrast use according to best practices
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation Oral or written examination Simulation
Curriculum Mapping	
Notes or Resources	 ABR 2019 Noninterpretive Skills Study Guide. https://www.theabr.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/NIS-Study-Guide-2019.pdf. 2020. ACR. ACR Manual on MR Safety. https://www.acr.org/-/media/ACR/Files/Radiology-Safety/MR-Safety/Manual-on-MR-Safety.pdf. 2020. Harvey L. Neiman Health Policy Institute. http://www.neimanhpi.org/. 2020. Image Gently. Pediatric Radiology and Imaging. www.imagegently.org. 2020. Image Wisely. www.imagegently.org. 2020. Institutional Review Board (IRB) guidelines MRI Safety. http://mrisafety.com. 2020. Moriates C, Arora V, Shah N. understanding Value Based Healthcare. 1st ed. New York, NY: McGraw Hill Education; 2015. NIH U.S. National Library of Medicine. PubMed Tutorial. https://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/disted/pubmedtutorial/cover.html. 2020.

 National Institutes of Health. Write Your Application. https://grants.nih.gov/grants/how-to-apply-application-guide/format-and-write/write-your-application.htm. 2020. The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School. Discovering Value-Based Health Care. https://vbhc.dellmed.utexas.edu/. 2020.
Various journal submission guidelines

Practice-Based Learning and Im	provement 2: Reflective Practice and Commitment to Professional Growth
Overall Intent: To seek clinical performance information with the intent to improve care; reflect on all domains of practice, personal	
the contract of the contract o	patients and colleagues (reflective mindfulness); develop clear objectives and goals for
improvement in some form of a learning plan	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Accepts responsibility for professional development by establishing goals	Is aware of need to improve
Identifies factors that contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	 Understands the importance of continued self-improvement Identifies that lack of sleep, incomplete preparation, and other social factors can lead to performance gaps
Actively seeks opportunities to improve performance	Seeks additional material to review
Level 2 Receptive to performance data and feedback in order to adjust goals	Uses feedback to set goals to increase efficiency and complexity of cases read each day
Analyzes and reflects on factors that contribute to gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Reflects on factors contributing to lack of efficiency
Designs and implements a learning plan, with prompting	With prompting, develops a learning plan to improve efficiency
Level 3 Episodically seeks performance data and feedback, with humility and adaptability	 Takes input from technologists, peers, and supervisors to gain insight into personal strengths and areas to improve Follows up on the outcomes of patient for which they have dictated reports, with prompting
Institutes behavioral change(s) to narrow the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	Changes daily practice habits to increase efficiency
Designs and implements a learning plan independently	Documents goals in a more specific and achievable manner, such that attaining them is measurable
Level 4 Consistently seeks performance data and feedback with humility and adaptability	• Independently follows up on the outcomes of patients for which they have dictated reports

Analyzes effectiveness of behavioral changes where appropriate and considers alternatives in narrowing the gap(s) between expectations and actual performance	 Consistently identifies learning gaps and addresses areas to work on Seeks out mentor(s) to help achieve goals 	
Uses performance data to measure the effectiveness of the learning plan and, when necessary, improves it	Uses scores and comments from in-house evaluations to create a learning plan	
Level 5 Coaches other learners to consistently seek performance data and feedback	 Actively discusses learning goals with supervisors and colleagues; may encourage other learners on the team to consider how their behavior affects the rest of the team Provides constructive feedback to peers for improvement 	
Coaches others on self-assessment and effective behavioral changes	Provides relevant learning plans for peers to address gaps	
Facilitates the design and implementation of learning plans for others	Acts as a mentor to radiology residents	
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation Review of learning plan	
Curriculum Mapping	•	
Notes or Resources	 Burke AE, Benson B, Englander R, Carraccio C, Hicks PJ. Domain of competence: practice-based learning and improvement. <i>Academic Pediatrics</i>. 2014;14(2 Suppl):S38-S54. https://www.academicpedsjnl.net/article/S1876-2859(13)00333-1/pdf. 2020. Collins J. Lifelong learning in the 21st century and beyond. <i>Radiographics</i>. 2009;29(2):613-622. https://pubs.rsna.org/doi/pdf/10.1148/rg.292085179. 2020. Hojat M, Veloski JJ, Gonnella JS. Measurement and correlates of physicians' lifelong learning. <i>Academic Medicine</i>. 2009;84(8):1066-1074. https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/fulltext/2009/08000/Measurement and Correlates of Physicians Lifelong.21.aspx. 2020. Lockspeiser TM, Schmitter PA, Lane JL, Hanson JL, Rosenberg AA, Park YS. Assessing residents' written learning goals and goal writing skill: validity evidence for the learning goal scoring rubric. <i>Academic Medicine</i>. 2013;88(10):1558-1563. https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/fulltext/2013/10000/Assessing Residents Written Learning Goals and.39.aspx. 2020. 	

Professionalism 1: Professional Behavior and Ethical Principles		
Overall Intent: To recognize and address lapses in ethical and professional behavior, demonstrate ethical and professional behaviors, and use appropriate resources for managing ethical and professional dilemmas		
Milestones	Examples	
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of expectations for professional behavior and describes how to appropriately report professional lapses	Identifies and describes potential triggers for professionalism lapses, describes when and how to appropriately report professionalism lapses, and outlines strategies for addressing common barriers to reporting	
Demonstrates knowledge of the ethical principles underlying informed consent, surrogate decision making, advance directives, confidentiality, error disclosure, and stewardship of limited resources	Discusses the basic ethical principles (beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice, autonomy) and professionalism (professional values and commitments), and how they apply in various situations (e.g., informed consent process)	
Level 2 Demonstrates insight into professional behavior in routine situations and takes responsibility for own professionalism lapses	 Demonstrates professional behavior in routine situations and uses ethical principles to analyze straightforward situations, such as those where: there are no or few conflicts (between values or patients) the fellow may be tired or hungry, but is not excessively fatigued, overwhelmed, or otherwise distressed workload is not unusually high, and there is no significant time pressure to make decisions Acknowledges and takes corrective action for the lapse(s) 	
Analyzes straightforward situations using ethical principles	Articulates strategies for preventing similar lapses in the future	
Level 3 Demonstrates professional behavior in complex or stressful situations	 Analyzes complex situations, such as how the clinical situation evokes strong emotions, conflicts (or perceived conflicts) between patients or between professional values Navigates a situation while not at personal best due to fatigue, hunger, stress, etc. Navigates a situation where the system poses barriers to professional behavior (e.g., inefficient workflow, inadequate staffing, conflicting policies) 	
Recognizes need to seek help in managing and resolving complex ethical situations	 Recognizes own limitations and seeks resources to help manage and resolve complex ethical situations Analyzes difficult (real or hypothetical) ethical dilemmas and situations, or professional case scenarios 	

Level 4 Recognizes situations that may trigger professionalism lapses and intervenes to prevent lapses in self and others	 Monitors and responds to fatigue, hunger, stress, etc. in self and team members Recognizes and responds effectively to the emotions of others 	
Recognizes and uses appropriate resources for managing and resolving ethical dilemmas as needed	 Actively seeks to consider the perspectives of others Models respect for patients and expects the same from others Seeks ethics consult when there is a conflict in balancing the needs of the patient, the wishes of the family, and the requests of the ordering provider 	
Level 5 Engages in professional development educational activities or coaches others when their behavior fails to meet professional expectations	Coaches others when their behavior fails to meet professional expectations	
Identifies and seeks to address system-level factors that induce or exacerbate ethical problems or impede their resolution	Identifies and seeks to address system-wide factors or barriers to promoting a culture of ethical and professional behavior through participation in a work group, committee, or taskforce	
Assessment Models or Tools	Direct observation End-of-rotation evaluation	
	Multisource feedback	
	Oral or written self-reflection	
	RSNA professionalism modules	
	Simulation	
Curriculum Mapping		
Notes or Resources	American Association of Physicists in Medicine.	
	ABR/ACR/RSNA/AAPM/ASTRO/ARR/ARS Online Modules on Ethics and	
	Professionalism. https://www.aapm.org/education/onlinemodules.asp . 2020.	
	• ACR. Code of Ethics. https://www.acr.org/-/media/ACR/Files/Governance/Code-of-Ethics.pdf . 2020.	
	• AMA. Ethics. https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ethics. 2020.	
	Association of University Radiologists. Professionalism and Ethics Competencies for	
	Radiology Residents. http://www.aur.org/Secondary.aspx?id=10263. 2020.	
	Association of University Radiologists. Professionalism Curriculum Resources.	
	http://www.aur.org/ProfessionalCurriculum/. 2020.	
	Byyny RL, Papadakis MA, Paauw DS, Pfiel S, Alpha Omega Alpha. <i>Medical</i> Restauration Manual Parks CA Alpha Omega Alpha Harran Madical	
	Professionalism Best Practices. Menlo Park, CA: Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical	
	Society; 2015. https://alphaomegaalpha.org/pdfs/2015MedicalProfessionalism.pdf. 2020.	

 Levinson W, Ginsburg S, Hafferty FW, Lucey CR. <i>Understanding Medical Professionalism</i>. 1st ed. New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Education; 2014. https://accessmedicine.mhmedical.com/book.aspx?bookID=1058. 2020. RSNA. Professionalism for Residents. https://www.rsna.org/education/professionalism-
and-quality-care/professionalism-self-assessments/professionalism-for-residents. 2020.

Professionalism 2: Accountability/Conscientiousness Overall Intent: To take responsibility for one's own actions and the impact on patients and other members of the health care team **Milestones Examples** Level 1 Responds promptly to requests or • Takes responsibility for getting informed consent for a procedure reminders to complete tasks and responsibilities Level 2 Performs tasks and responsibilities in a • Dictates reports for routine cases in a timely fashion timely manner to ensure that the needs of patients, teams, and systems are met in routine situations Level 3 Performs tasks and responsibilities in a • Efficiently dictates reports and communicates results for Stroke Alert cases in a timely timely manner to ensure that the needs of fashion patients, teams, and systems are met in complex or stressful situations • Identifies issues that could impede others from completing tasks and provides leadership Level 4 Recognizes and raises awareness of situations that may impact others' ability to to address those issues complete tasks and responsibilities in a timely Advises residents on effective communication with the stroke and neurological surgery manner teams Level 5 Coaches and educates on professional • Partners with stroke and neurological surgery teams to provide the best possible team accountability and managing performance gaps approach to improve patient care and outcome **Assessment Models or Tools** Compliance with deadlines and timelines Direct observation Multisource feedback Self-evaluations Simulation **Curriculum Mapping** Notes or Resources Code of conduct from institutional manual • RSNA. Professionalism for Residents. https://www.rsna.org/education/professionalismand-quality-care/professionalism-self-assessments/professionalism-for-residents. 2020.

Professionalism 3: Self-Awareness and Help-Seeking Overall Intent: To identify, use, manage, improve, and seek help for personal and professional well-being for self and others	
Milestones	Examples
Level 1 Recognizes status of personal and professional well-being, with assistance, and is aware of available resources	 Identifies potential stressors specific to the learner in the educational program or in this specialty Is aware of well-being resources available at the institution as well as locally and/or nationally
Recognizes limits in the knowledge/skills of self or team, with assistance	• Requests and/or accepts feedback and exhibits positive responses to corrective feedback
Level 2 Independently recognizes status of personal and professional well-being using available resources when appropriate	Independently identifies possible sources of personal stress or lack of clinical knowledge and independently seeks help
Independently recognizes limits in the knowledge/skills of self or team and demonstrates appropriate help-seeking behaviors	
Level 3 With assistance, proposes a plan to optimize personal and professional well-being With assistance, proposes a plan to remediate	With supervision, develops a personal learning or action plan to address stress and/or burnout for self or team and gaps in personal clinical knowledge
or improve limits in the knowledge/ skills of self or team	
Level 4 Independently develops or modifies a plan to optimize personal and professional wellbeing	Independently develops a personal learning or action plan to address stress and/or burnout for self or team and gaps in personal clinical knowledge
Independently develops a plan to remediate or improve limits in the knowledge/skills of self or team	
Level 5 Engages in professional well-being educational activities or coaches others to optimize personal and professional well-being	Mentors colleagues in self-awareness

Coaches and guides others when their emotional responses or limitations in knowledge/skills do not meet professional expectations	Establishes health management plans to limit stress and burnout	
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Group interview or discussions for team activities Institutional online training modules Participation in institutional well-being programs Personal learning plan Self-assessment Semi-annual review 	
Curriculum Mapping		
Notes or Resources	 American Academy of Pediatrics. Resilience Curriculum: Resilience in the Face of Grief and Loss. https://www.aap.org/en-us/advocacy-and-policy/aap-health-initiatives/hospice-palliative-care/Pages/Resilience-Curriculum.aspx. 2020. ACGME. "Well-Being Tools and Resources." https://wl.acgme.org/pages/well-being-tools-resources. Accessed 2022. Local and institutional resources Stanford Medicine. WellMD. https://wellmd.stanford.edu/. 2020. This subcompetency is not intended to evaluate a fellow's well-being. Rather, the intent is to ensure that each fellow has the fundamental knowledge of factors that impact well-being, the mechanism by which those factors impact well-being, and available resources and tools to improve well-being. 	

Interpersonal and Comn	nunication Skills 1: Patient- and Family-Centered Communication	
	nd behaviors to form a therapeutic relationship with a patient and family members; to identify	
communication barriers, including self-reflection on biases, and minimize them in the doctor-patient relationship; to organize and lead		
communication around shared decision making		
Milestones	Examples	
Level 1 Accurately communicates own role within the health care system	Identifies self as a fellow during patient interactions and describes the fellow's role in care	
Identifies the need to adjust communication strategies based on assessment of patient/family expectations and understanding of their health status and treatment options	Understands that communication may need to be adjusted when there is an inadvertent dural puncture during epidural steroid injection	
Level 2 Identifies barriers to effective communication (e.g., language, health literacy) Organizes and initiates communication with	Identifies need for an interpreter; knows to speak in a manner at a level of understanding commensurate with education level of patient; realizes when the presence of a caregiver will be needed to aid in management decision making	
patient/family by clarifying expectations and verifying understanding of the clinical situation	Before and/or after communication with patient/family, closes the loop and asks if they are clear about expectations and understanding the clinical situation, as well as encourages questions	
Level 3 Identifies biases that hinder effective communication	Recognizes bias about sex, and identity	
With guidance, sensitively and compassionately delivers medical information, elicits patient goals and preferences, and acknowledges uncertainty and conflict	While on the neurointerventional team, requires guidance to communicate with a patient about the presence of a 4 mm aneurysm and conveys the option to coil the aneurysm or to follow it; patient goals are at the forefront of the discussion	
Level 4 Actively improves communication barriers	Takes responsibility and apologizes after using wrong pronoun with a patient	
Independently, uses shared decision making to align patient goals, and preferences with treatment options to make a personalized care plan	While on the neurointerventional team, independently communicates with a patient about the presence of a 4 mm aneurysm and conveys the option to coil the aneurysm or to follow it; patient goals are at the forefront of the discussion	
Level 5 Coaches other learners to improve communication barriers	Role models and supports colleagues in self-awareness and reflection to improve communication with patients, and demonstrates intuitive understanding of a patient's perspective; uses a contextualized approach to minimize barriers for patients and colleagues	

	Role models proactive self-awareness and reflection around biases with a context-specific approach to mitigating communication barriers	
Coaches or teaches other learners in shared decision making	Leads shared decision making with clear recommendations to patients and families even in more complex clinical situations	
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation Kalamazoo Essential Elements Communication Checklist (Adapted) Mini-clinical evaluation exercise (CEX) Multisource feedback Self-assessment including self-reflection exercises Simulation Skills needed to Set the state, Elicit information, Give information, Understand the patient, and End the encounter (SEGUE) Standardized patients or structured case discussions 	
Curriculum Mapping	•	
Notes or Resources	 Laidlaw A, Hart J. Communication skills: An essential component of medical curricula. Part I: Assessment of clinical communication: AMEE Guide No. 51. <i>Med Teach</i>. 2011;33(1):6-8. https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.3109/0142159X.2011.531170. 2020. Makoul G. Essential elements of communication in medical encounters: the Kalamazoo consensus statement. <i>Acad Med</i>. 2001;76(4):390-393. https://insights.ovid.com/crossref?an=00001888-200104000-00021. 2020. Makoul G. The SEGUE Framework for teaching and assessing communication skills. https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0738399101001367?via%3Dihub.2020. Symons AB, Swanson A, McGuigan D, Orrange S, Akl EA. A tool for self-assessment of communication skills and professionalism in residents. https://bmcmededuc.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/1472-6920-9-1. 2020. 	

Interpersonal and Communication Skills 2: Interprofessional and Team Communication Overall Intent: To effectively communicate with the health care team, including with consultants, in both straightforward and complex situations		
Milestones	Examples	
Level 1 Respectfully receives a consultation request	Accepts a request to do a late afternoon image-guided procedure and offers to discuss with the attending without offering resistance	
Demonstrates knowledge of the institutional and national communication guidelines	 Reviews imaging findings with a neurology team at the PACS workstation and asks an attending for help when necessary Demonstrates knowledge of emergent or unexpected findings that necessitate 	
	communication with the health care team in accordance with institutional and national guidelines	
Level 2 Clearly and concisely responds to a consultation request	Offers consulting service guidance on the appropriateness of an imaging test or procedure when it can reasonably be performed after discussion with the attending and technologists	
Communicates emergent findings according to institutional or national guidelines	Communicates and documents emergent findings in the imaging report in accordance with institutional and national guidelines	
Level 3 Checks understanding of recommendations when providing consultation	Offers detailed instructions on post-procedural care of a patient to the health care team, answers questions, and verifies understanding on how to care for a groin puncture site following cerebral angiography	
Communicates non-emergent findings where failure to act may adversely affect patient outcome	Communicates unexpected findings on an imaging study (such as an aneurysm on a CTA or renal mass on a lumbar spine MRI) with appropriate recommendations for follow-up in accordance with institutional and national guidelines	
Level 4 Coordinates recommendations from different members of the health care team to optimize patient care	After performing an imaging guided lumbar puncture and discussing the presence of leptomeningeal enhancement on MRI with the neurology team, decides to send the cerebrospinal fluid for cytology to evaluate for central nervous system lymphoma as well as for inflammatory markers	
Communicates findings and management options (as appropriate) that are tailored to the referring provider	 Communicates to a generalist that the patient had a stroke but presents greater clinical data to a neurologist (such as the European Cooperative Acute Stroke Study (ECASS) score for hemorrhagic transformation, or Alberta stroke program early CT score (ASPECTS) score, and which gyri are involved) Communicates to a general practitioner that a patient has oropharyngeal squamous cell 	

	oncologist with details regarding appropriate staging using eighth edition of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)'s cancer staging system criteria	
Level 5 Role models flexible communication strategies that value input from all health care team members, resolving conflict when needed	Role models the resolution of conflict between neurological surgery, orthopedic surgery, neurology, and the emergency department for MRI scan prioritization	
Coaches and teaches other learners in tailored communications to referring providers	Coaches other learners in subspecialty-level communication of findings and reporting	
Assessment Models or Tools	 Direct observation End-of-rotation evaluation Multisource feedback Simulation 	
Curriculum Mapping		
Notes or Resources	 ACR. Communication Curriculum for Radiology Residents. https://www.acr.org/Member-Resources/rfs/learning/Communication-for-Radiology-Residents. 2020. Dehon E, Simpson K, Fowler D, Jones A. Development of the faculty 360. https://www.mededportal.org/publication/10174/. 2020. François J. Tool to assess the quality of consultation and referral request letters in family medicine. Can Fam Physician. 2011;57(5):574–575. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3093595/. 2020. 	

Interpersonal and Communication Skills 3: Communication within Health Care Systems Overall Intent: To effectively communicate using a variety of methods		
Milestones	Examples	
Level 1 Demonstrates knowledge of institutional communications policies, including the	Describes the appropriate and inappropriate use of cell phone, personal computer, email, and social media	
safeguarding patient information	Does not disclose protected health information in public areas	
Level 2 Communicates appropriately as required by institutional policy	Uses secured email for communication of patient information	
Level 3 Communicates systems concerns in a respectful manner	Communicates with the appropriate radiology department supervisor or hospital reporting system about CT or MRI resource prioritization	
Level 4 Communicates clear and constructive suggestions to improve systems	Communicates that efficiency in interpretations could improve significantly if phone calls were diverted to a radiology aide or to a central call center in the department	
Level 5 Facilitates dialogue regarding systems issues among larger community stakeholders (division, department, institution, health care system)	 Through participation on the hospital stroke committee, helps facilitate improvement in the reporting of acute stroke head CT results to the stroke team through a standardized reporting process, aiding in efficient and timely patient management 	
Assessment Models or Tools	 Assessment of QI projects Audit of hospital notification system submissions Direct observation Medical record (chart) audit Multisource feedback Simulation 	
Curriculum Mapping	•	
Notes or Resources	 ACR. Communication Curriculum for Radiology Residents. https://www.acr.org/Member-Resources/rfs/learning/Communication-for-Radiology-Residents. 2020. HIPAA training Hryhorczuk AL, Hanneman K, Eisenberg RL, Meyer EC, Brown SD. Radiologic professionalism in modern health care. <i>Radiographics</i>. 2015;35(6):1779-1788. https://pubs.rsna.org/doi/pdf/10.1148/rg.2015150041. 2020. Institutional communication policies Kelly AM, Mullan PB. Designing a curriculum for professionalism and ethics within radiology: identifying challenges and expectations. <i>Acad Radiol</i>. 2018;25(5):610-618. https://www.academicradiology.org/article/S1076-6332(18)30091-6/pdf. 2020. 	

To help programs transition to the new version of the Milestones, the ACGME has mapped the original Milestones 1.0 to the new Milestones 2.0. Indicated below are where the subcompetencies are similar between versions. These are not exact matches, but are areas that include similar elements. Not all subcompetencies map between versions. Inclusion or exclusion of any subcompetency does not change the educational value or impact on curriculum or assessment.

Milestones 1.0	Milestones 2.0
	PC1: Reporting
PC1: Consultant in Neuroradiology	PC2: Consultant in Neuroradiology
PC2: Competence in Invasive and Non-invasive Procedures	PC4: Competence in Neuroradiology Procedures
PC3: Patient Safety	SBP1: Patient Safety
	SBP5: Contrast Agent Safety
	SBP6: Radiation Safety
	SBP7: Magnetic Resonance (MR) Safety
MK1: Application of Neuroscience in Neuroradiology	MK1: Application of Neuroscience to Neuroradiology
MK2: Interpretation of Neuroimaging	PC3: Interpretation of Neuroimaging
MK3: Protocol selection and Optimization of Images	MK2: Protocol Selection, Contrast Agent Selection/Dosing, and
	Image Optimization
SBP1: Health Care Economics	SBP4: Physician Role in Health Care Systems
	SBP3: System Navigation for Patient-Centered Care
PBLI1: Self-directed Learning	PBLI1: Evidence-Based and Informed Practice
	PBLI2: Reflective Practice and Commitment to Professional Growth
PBLI2: Scholarly Activity	
PBLI3: Implements Quality Improvement Project	SBP2: Quality Improvement
PROF1: Personal	PROF1: Professional Behavior and Ethical Principles
	PROF3: Self-Awareness and Help Seeking
PROF2: Systems	PROF2: Accountability/Conscientiousness
ICS1: Effective Communication with Patients, Families and	ICS1: Patient- and Family-Centered Communication
Caregivers	
ICS2: Effective Communication with Members of the Health Care	ICS2: Interprofessional and Team Communication
Team (Written and Oral)	ICS3: Communication within Health Care Systems

Available Milestones Resources

Milestones 2.0: Assessment, Implementation, and Clinical Competency Committees Supplement, 2021 - https://meridian.allenpress.com/jgme/issue/13/2s

Milestones Guidebooks: https://www.acgme.org/milestones/resources/

- Assessment Guidebook
- Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook
- Clinical Competency Committee Guidebook Executive Summaries
- Implementation Guidebook
- Milestones Guidebook

Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows: https://www.acgme.org/residents-and-fellows/ the acgme-for-residents-and-fellows/

- Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows
- Milestones Guidebook for Residents and Fellows Presentation
- Milestones 2.0 Guide Sheet for Residents and Fellows

Milestones Research and Reports: https://www.acgme.org/milestones/research/

- Milestones National Report, updated each fall
- Milestones Predictive Probability Report, updated each fall
- Milestones Bibliography, updated twice each year

Developing Faculty Competencies in Assessment courses - https://www.acgme.org/meetings-and-educational-activities/courses-and-workshops/developing-faculty-competencies-in-assessment/

Assessment Tool: Direct Observation of Clinical Care (DOCC) - https://dl.acgme.org/pages/assessment

Assessment Tool: Teamwork Effectiveness Assessment Module (TEAM) - https://team.acgme.org/

Improving Assessment Using Direct Observation Toolkit - https://dl.acgme.org/pages/acgme-faculty-development-toolkit-improving-assessment-using-direct-observation

Remediation Toolkit - https://dl.acgme.org/courses/acgme-remediation-toolkit

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