



# CRITICAL RESULTS

- **New Pulmonary Embolus**
- **Ruptured Aortic Aneurysm**
- **New Aortic Dissection**
- **New Intracranial Hemorrhage**
- **Potentially Life-Threatening Hemorrhage (any location)**
- **Acute appendicitis**
- **New Unexplained Pneumoperitoneum**
- **New Unexplained/Unexpected Pneumothorax**
  - *MD decision to call if critical!*
- **Ectopic Pregnancy**
- **Testicular Torsion**
- **Ovarian Torsion**
- **Potentially Life-Threatening Tube or Line Malposition/misplacement**
  - *MD decision to call if critical!*
- **Pneumotosis Intestinalis**
- **Pneumopericardium**
- **Cervical Spine Fracture**

## Dictation Criteria:

1. Call report **immediately**, or within 30 minutes of interpretation – TJC National Patient Safety Goal
2. Reports **must** be called to one of the following caregivers: MD, DO, PA, NP, RN
3. In the “**IMPRESSION**” – radiologist to include:
  - Dictate “**CRITICAL OUTCOME**”
  - Dictate “**NAME**” of person called (no informal titles)
  - Dictate “**TIME**” called
  - Dictate “**RAV**” **was performed if appropriate**
4. Click and drag the study to the **Critical Result Folder**

## Please Note the Following:

- RAV with MD, NP, DO, PA - is assumed through dialogue.
- RAV with RN – radiologist should verbally acknowledge and have RN read-back understanding of the critical outcome before ending the call.
- No time of call provided on report equates to **non-compliance**