

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
NURSING POLICIES
REPORTING OF RADIOLOGY DESCREPENCIES**

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SCOPE- HRMC Emergency Department

PURPOSE-

To outline the Hackettstown Regional Medical Center's policy for managing patients initially seen in the emergency department in which x-rays have been performed and there is a discrepancy in the report once read by the radiologist.

POLICY

It is the policy of HRMC that radiology discrepancies for all patients discharged from the Emergency Department are communicated to the patient and/or primary care physician.

PROCEDURE

- I. The Radiologist notifies the ED physician and communicates the x-ray discrepancy.
- II. If a study was initially read as negative and is then read as positive by the Radiologist, the patient and/or private physician will be notified.
- III. Notification will be made by the ED physician or the ED physician can delegate an RN to make the call.
- IV. In cases where a study was initially read as positive and is read as negative by the Radiologist the ED will use discretion as to who should be notified.
- V. If unable to reach the patient and there is no primary care physician listed a certified letter will be sent to the patient's home.

Reference: Mosby's Emergency Nursing Reference 2014.