
Managing the Use of Diagnostic Imaging

The Everett Clinic, Everett, Washington

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Several years ago, a team of Everett Clinic physicians met with our Radiology Department to develop the appropriate indications for advanced imaging procedures such as MRI and CT scans. As a result, it is no longer possible for our physicians to order those procedures unless their patients meet the indications. Evaluating all aspect of the diagnostic imaging ensures the right test is done at the right time. The result is a 39 percent decrease in advanced imaging utilization over two years.

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