

2.1.12 Clinical/Exam Comments in RIS

TOPIC

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DETAIL

POLICY

Technologists shall provide Radiologists with clinical/exam information regarding a particular patient exam.

PURPOSE

To improve patient care by providing the Radiologists with pertinent clinical/exam patient data observed and/or acquired during the acquisition quickly.

PROCEDURE

This feature allows technologists the ability to provide comments to the Radiologist before an exam has been dictated. The comments typed in this field will be replaced when the final report is signed electronically by the Radiologist and will not be a part of the permanent medical record. Examples of tech comments include: contrast media used and dosage, patient history and/or behavior, and, if not registered and communicated by the acquisition device, technical factors such as kVp and mA, etc.

INSTRUCTIONS

Your instructions go here.

SAMPLE

INSTRUCTIONS

- ***Note:** Inserting tech comments may be performed when the exam is in the **Arrived** or **Verified** status.
- In the **Work Modes Palette**, highlight the name of the patient with which you wish to send tech comments.
- Open the **Report Palette** (if not already open).
- In the **Report Palette**, use the left mouse button and click on the **Edit** button. The report header background will change color.
- Move the cursor inside the report header to the **Technical Comments** section and left click.
- Type your comments. When finished typing, use the left mouse button and click the **Edit** button. The report header background will return to the original color.
- Annotate the words "**Tech Comments**" on the first image of the exam to notify the Radiologist there are tech comments to view.