



Newsletter Template

For Care Providers

The BC Patient Safety & Quality Council and <<insert your facility and/or organization's name here>> are partnering to improve medical imaging appropriateness!

Appropriate medical imaging is a cornerstone of high-quality care. Canadian studies suggest that up to 20% of medical imaging is unneeded or non-essential.¹

Together, we hope to change that.

When Imaging is Ordered and Used Appropriately:

- Waitlists for imaging are shorter
- Emergency departments are less congested
- Patients are exposed to less radiation
- Patients undergo the right test and may experience less harm

We invite you to help ensure that valuable medical imaging resources are being used wisely and that tests are available when they are needed the most. The evidence-based, **BC Guidelines for Imaging in Common Situations in Primary and Emergency Care** highlight recommendations in five clinical scenarios: low back pain, minor head injuries, uncomplicated headache, hip and knee pain in patients over the age of 40 years, and suspected pulmonary embolism.

As part of our continuing commitment to person- and family-centered care, our organization is joining the Essential Imaging initiative and we encourage you to learn more and participate!

Learn new ways to implement appropriate practice into your work setting.

Order or download ideas and resources from [BCPSQC.ca/imaging](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/bc-guidelines/diagnostics-imaging).

Start the conversation!

Join us in ensuring that every patient is getting the best care possible—be a part of the Essential Imaging initiative! Our goal is to reduce inappropriate medical imaging for five common situations.

¹Min A, Chan VWY, Aristizabal R, Peramaki ER, Agulnik DB, Strydom N, et al. Volume of imaging for low back pain in an urban emergency department. J Am Coll Radiol. 2017;14:889-899.

²BC Guidelines. Appropriate Imaging for Common Situations in Primary and Emergency Care. 2020. Diagnostic Imaging. Available from: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/health/practitioner-professional-resources/bc-guidelines/diagnostics-imaging>