

Memorandum

To: Family Practice Department Heads, Primary Health Care & Chronic Disease Management Network Directors, Managers and Health Services Managers

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Subject: New DI Modalities and Clinical Decision Support coming to eReferral

We are pleased to share that on Monday, Dec. 8, four additional Diagnostic Imaging (DI) modalities will be available in the Ocean electronic referral (eReferral) tool:

- Computed Tomography (CT): [Click here for tip sheet](#)
- Interventional Radiology (IR): [Click here for tip sheet](#)
- Nuclear Medicine: [Click here for tip sheet](#)
- Fluoroscopy: [Click here for tip sheet](#)

These modalities build on the existing DI eReferral options for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), ultrasound (US), and bone mineral density (BMD). This expansion supports more integrated digital referral pathways across Nova Scotia, improving access, transparency, and coordination for patients and care teams.

Benefits of eReferrals

- Reduces errors and missing information compared to fax referrals, supporting accurate and efficient referrals.
- Supports more appropriate referrals based on patient needs.
- Enhances access to care through secure, efficient information sharing.
- Makes referral tracking, management, and scheduling easier, while improving provider communication and reducing administrative work for staff.
- Keeps patients informed and reassured about referral progress.

Starting Nov. 18, primary health care referring providers who are using Ocean for DI eReferrals will have access to the Canadian Association of Radiologists (CAR) Guidelines for



Clinical Decision Support. This resource gives providers instant access to evidence-based guidance through a simple dropdown search.

It will appear directly within the DI forms of the eReferral tool and supports appropriate test selection and improved patient care.

Not using Ocean yet? [Click here](#) to submit your onboarding request. For more information visit www.referralsns.ca.

Please share this update with providers and teams in your area.

Regards, Dr. Maria Alexiadis & Noella Whelan