





INTRODUCTION

- American College of Radiology and Society of Interventional Radiologists published revised practice guidelines in 2014
 - Available at http://www.acr.org/guidelines
 - ➤ Detailed recommendation for pre-procedure documentation in regard to image-guided procedures by radiologists
 - The plan for each procedure to be performed
 - Indication for procedure and brief history
 - Findings of targeted physical examination
 - Relevant laboratory and other diagnostic findings
 - Risk stratification, such as the American Society of Anesthesiologists Physical Status Classification
 - Documentation of informed consent

PERTINENT INFORMATION BEFORE PROCEDURE

- Name of procedure
- Procedure site
- Laterality (Right or left, if relevant)
- · Requesting physician
- · History and indication
- Prior imaging (Date and findings)
- · Physical examination findings

- Use of anticoagulation medications
- Allergies
- Labs (Platelet counts and INR with dates)
- Informed Consent
- ASA Status
- Plan for the Procedure



Fig 1. US guided knee joint steroid injection

RESULTS OF 1ST AUDIT

- Audit of pre-procedure documentation of randomly selected 50 ultrasound or fluoroscopy-guided procedures (steroid/anesthetic injections to joints, bursae and tendon sheaths, cyst aspiration, joint aspiration, arthrogram injection) performed within the Department of Radiology MSK Section between October 2016 and September 2017
- Poor quality of documentation
- Mean score per case = 3/13
- Overall adherence to the ACR/SIR guidelines of 13.3%
 - More specifically, none of the cases had preprocedure documentation of history and indication, prior imaging, physical exam findings, anticoagulation medications, allergies, labs (platelet counts and INR), and ASA status.
- There was incomplete documentation of other items listed earlier.
- Reasons for poor results:
 - Lack of awareness regarding ACR/SIR guidelines
 - Lack of a tool to help document required information efficiently and systematically

PURPOSE

• To improve the quality of pre-procedure documentation and improve adherence to ACR/SIR practice guidelines for preprocedure documentation prior to US- or fluoroscopy-guided MSK procedures in the MSK section of our Radiology department

METHODS

Retrospective Chart Review Obtained IRB Exemption

| Initial audit | September 2017 |
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| Data analysis (1st round) | September 2017 |
| Creation of proforma | September 2017 |
| Use of proforma in practice | October 2017 - April 2018 |
| Re-audit and Data analysis (2nd round) | April 2018 |

PROFORMA

- Created using a template as a Word Document
- Can be copied and pasted into EMR
- Does not need to be as detailed and comprehensive as that already available in IR section
- US and Fluoro-guided procedures done in MSK section is usually minimally invasive
- ➤ Need for simpler but sufficient proforma

MUSCULOSKELETAL RADIOLOGY PRE-PROCEDURE NOTE

REQUESTING PHYSICIAN: HISTORY AND INDICATION: [] years old male/female presenting with

PRIOR IMAGING:

PHYSICAL EXAM FINDINGS RELEVANT TO THE PROCEDURE:

ANTICOAG MEDICATIONS:
>>IF YES, LAST HELD WHEN?:
ALLERGIES:
>>Specifically, steroid, Lidocaine, Marcaine, Omnipaque
LABS (date):
Platelet count
INR

INR ____ High risk for bleeding? Yes/No

CONSENT: Consent obtained from

ASA STATUS:

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1 - Normal healthy patient

2 - Patient with mild systemic disease

3 - Patient with severe systemic disease

4 - Patient with severe systemic disease that is a constant threat to life

5 - A moribund patient who is not expected to survive without procedure

6 - Declared brain-dead patient whose organ are being removed for donor purposes

] years old male/female who agreed to proceed with Plan discussed with Attending Radiologist Dr.____

RESULTS OF 2ND AUDIT



- All 13 items correctly recorded in 34 of 36 cases
- 12 items were recorded in the remaining 2 cases
 - in which wrong dates of prior imaging were recorded
- Overall adherence to the ACR/SIR guidelines of <u>99.6%</u>

BEFORE:

DISCUSSION

- No direct preprocedure documentation into EMR
- All information (including time out sheet and consent) was only available in RIS as scanned documents
- No documented evidence in EMR that we actually checked pertinent clinical information prior to procedure

AFTER:

- Direct preprocedure documentation into EMR
- Clearly documented evidence that we actually checked pertinent clinical information prior to procedure, easily viewable by anyone without the need for referring to RIS
- · Time out sheet and consent form still available in RIS as scanned documents

CONCLUSION

- Utilizing the new proforma in EMR has significantly improved quality of preprocedure documentation.
- This improvement is a result of a completion of Plan-Do-Study-Act cycle as advocated by the American Board of Radiology.
- Improving quality of pre-procedure documentation and making it almost 100% adherent to available
 guidelines can improve patient safety by stratifying risks and identifying potentially preventable
 adverse events.