

QCR Cancer Notification Guide

User Guide for Diagnostic Imaging Practices

Diagnostic imaging procedures must be reported to the QCR if they are found to fall into any of the following categories:

Positive for cancer

The imaging shows a likely primary or metastatic cancer **OR** it is a follow-up investigation for a known cancer patient.

Example: The investigation represents a staging study, is undertaken to inform treatment decisions, or shows evidence of disease progression, recurrence, or metastases.

Possible cancer

The imaging procedure contains a finding that represents a possible, unconfirmed suspicious primary or metastatic cancer.

Example: A diagnostic imaging scan reveals a suspicious lesion, suggesting the possibility of cancer, requiring further investigation.

Negative for cancer

The imaging is a follow-up investigation for a known cancer patient, however the disease is not evidently present.

Example: A referral or doctors note state a previous cancer **OR** the practice has patient record of previous procedure carried out for cancer.

Screening Procedure

The imaging shows a likely primary or metastatic cancer **OR** it is a follow-up for a known cancer patient.

Example: Suspicious for disease, the presence of disease is certain or almost certain, or no disease detected (only for specific screening programs such as the National Lung Cancer Screening Program).

Not cancer related (not notifiable)

Imaging procedures that are not related to cancer, and do not fall into one of the categories above, are not notifiable.

Example: The person is known to have cancer, but the diagnostic imaging procedure is for a cardiac imaging study that is not related to their cancer **OR**;

The person is known to have had cancer, but the diagnostic imaging procedure is for a bone fracture that is not related to their cancer.

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