Driving quality of care and physician education

As part of the Ongoing Physician Performance Evaluation (OPPE), The Joint Commission requires radiology peer review. It allows physicians to rate and evaluate peer radiology reports, facilitating improved patient care and continuing physician education. Peer review can be time intensive and subjective, and since most reviews are completed manually, it sometimes lacks the quantifiable impact to sustain improved patient care.

Integrate peer review into routine dictation and reporting workflows

The 3M™ M*Modal Fluency for Imaging Peer Review solution addresses these issues by seamlessly integrating the peer review function into the radiologist’s normal dictation and routine diagnostic interpretation workflow. Coupled with reporting capabilities, 3M Fluency for Imaging Peer Review delivers significant automation and workflow efficiencies to help radiologists reduce turnaround time, while also driving process and treatment improvements.

Designed to support an automated and randomized peer review workflow, this solution automatically displays the peer review window if the exam qualifies for peer review based on rules the organization has defined. The peer review window will only appear if the quota the organization has proactively identified has not been met. Users have the ability to defer a peer review to a later time or reject the peer review if it’s not applicable to them. When a radiologist dictates a report, if a prior exam for that patient qualifies for peer review, the peer review window will automatically launch next to the 3M™ M*Modal Fluency for Imaging dictation window. The review can be performed immediately, rejected or deferred to a more convenient time.

Radiologists can evaluate exams with the American College of Radiology (ACR) standardized three-point rating scale by using one of the predefined judgment options. Clinical significance indicators can flag clinically relevant exams, which can be added to the worklist for additional follow up. Every element of this workflow is speech driven for maximum efficiency and convenience.

The organization also has the ability to send all peer reviews to a radiologist’s worklist. This allows the radiologist to determine the best time to perform peer reviews rather than interrupting the reading workflow. Reminders can be sent upon login if peer reviews are overdue.

When the radiologist finishes the peer review, they can either dictate or click to submit. In addition to customized capabilities, the 3M Fluency for Imaging Peer Review solution provides a management portal with search and reporting tools. Administrators can quickly find specific peer reviews based on criteria such as modality, body part, subspecialty, reviewing radiologist or review type. Details on the selected criteria can then be reviewed and the data can be exported. Problem case reviews can be enabled, which allow for peer learning interaction. Typically this is used by the head of quality compliance for the radiology department, allowing reviews to go out to subspeciality groups.

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