

Guidelines for Requesting and Authorising by Radiographers – Annex B

General Radiography

1. Imaging the opposite side (from that requested) where clinical indications and/or patient presentation indicate the incorrect side has been requested.
2. Additional examination/s; indicated by pathology visualized on the original requested examination.

Chest x-ray for patients going to theatre as indicated in agreed pathway i.e. fracture NOF or shaft of femur.

Full length tibia/fibular when a complicated ankle fracture is visualized.

Full length forearm when a dislocation is visualized on a wrist or elbow.

Full length femur when a pathological hip fracture is visualized.

3. Changing to a more appropriate examination (from that requested) as indicated by clinical indications and/or patient presentation e.g.

Scaphoid views where only wrist has been requested.

Finger views where hand has been requested or vice versa

Toe views where foot has been requested or vice versa

Omitting non standard examinations which are unsupported by clinical indications/history e.g.

Lateral chest.

C-spine for query cervical rib.