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Dear CPSO Policy Department:

Thank you for the invitation to provide feedback on the **CPSO's draft of the *IHF Clinical Practice Parameters for Diagnostic Imaging***.

We recognize and support the CPSO's role to serve and protect the public and appreciate the privilege that we are afforded as physicians and surgeons to be a self-regulated profession. We appreciate that the CPSO has a very important role in protecting the best interests of patients and educating physicians on their ethical obligations towards their patients.

We have reviewed the document and believe it will assist physicians in their clinical decision-making by providing a framework for assessing and treating clinical conditions in diagnostic imaging facilities. We do have some specific feedback.

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With regards to preliminary reports, the CPSO might wish to clarify the process for residents and trainees supplying preliminary reports in advance of the final report from the staff radiologist. At least at some institutions, there is no separate preliminary report from the resident that stands alone from the final report - the resident dictates a full report overnight, and then the staff edits that report in the morning - with no permanent record of the preliminary report. Therefore, we would recommend stronger language clarifying the recommended approach in situations where the preliminary and final reports are administered by different people (i.e. trainee and staff).

It was noted that occasionally decisions are made overnight based on a preliminary report, thereby necessitating it's existence to later sort out what happened and why. In addition, it is understood that the preliminary report is a part of the legal medical record, which shouldn't be modifiable.

We do, as always, appreciate being included in the CPSO's consultative process.