

Radiology Reporting



NORMAL
RESULTS



CRITICAL
RESULTS



URGENT, BUT
NOT CRITICAL



INCIDENTAL
FINDING

Normal Results

- Delivered to Epic Results in-basket



Critical Results

- Findings considered to be of “significant impact requiring immediate intervention”
- *Always* called to the ordering provider
- Must be provider to provider
- Document in telephone encounter



Urgent Result Alert

- Indicates an abnormality that may benefit from prompt, but not immediate, alert to aid in advancing clinical care.
- Findings do not represent a clinical emergency
- Urgent result determined by the radiologist
- VMC Radiology Results Alerts Communication Tool used for timely, closed loop communication (VRA tool)



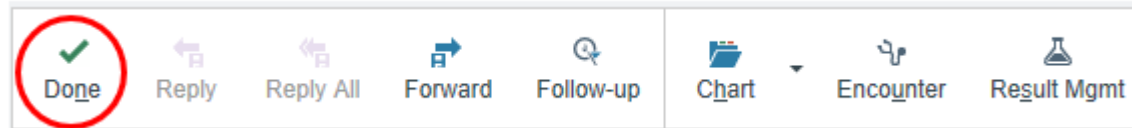
VMC Radiology Alerts (VRA)

- Radiologist identifies an urgent (not critical) result
- Radiologist flags the result with an abnormal finding using the VRA tool.
- Epic in-basket result will be flagged for review with a green dot and 2 exclamation marks



VMC Radiology Alerts (VRA)

- The abnormal result is reviewed by a provider and marked as “Done”:



- Marking the result as “Done” will close the loop on communication and a time stamp message in the VRA system.
- If result not marked as such, then a “failsafe” procedure is enacted.

VRA Timeframe

Acuity	Escalation	Message paused	Weekends
Critical	PHONE CALLS ONLY	N/A	N/A
Urgent	0 minute - Flagged Inbasket message 6 hours - Nuance Support calls doc office 12 hours - Compliance	6pm-8am	Message will pause on weekends
Urgent Weekend	0 minute - Flagged Inbasket message 6 hours - Nuance Support calls doc office 12 hours - Compliance	8pm-8am	Message will send on weekends



Radiology report

Reading Physician

Reading		Phone	Pager
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Imaging Findings

Finding	Acuity
	Urgent

A message has been communicated to [REDACTED] via the VMC Radiology Alerts process on 3/15/2023 9:09 PDT, Message ID 5400602.

This statement is confusing because the flagged Epic result *is* the communication.

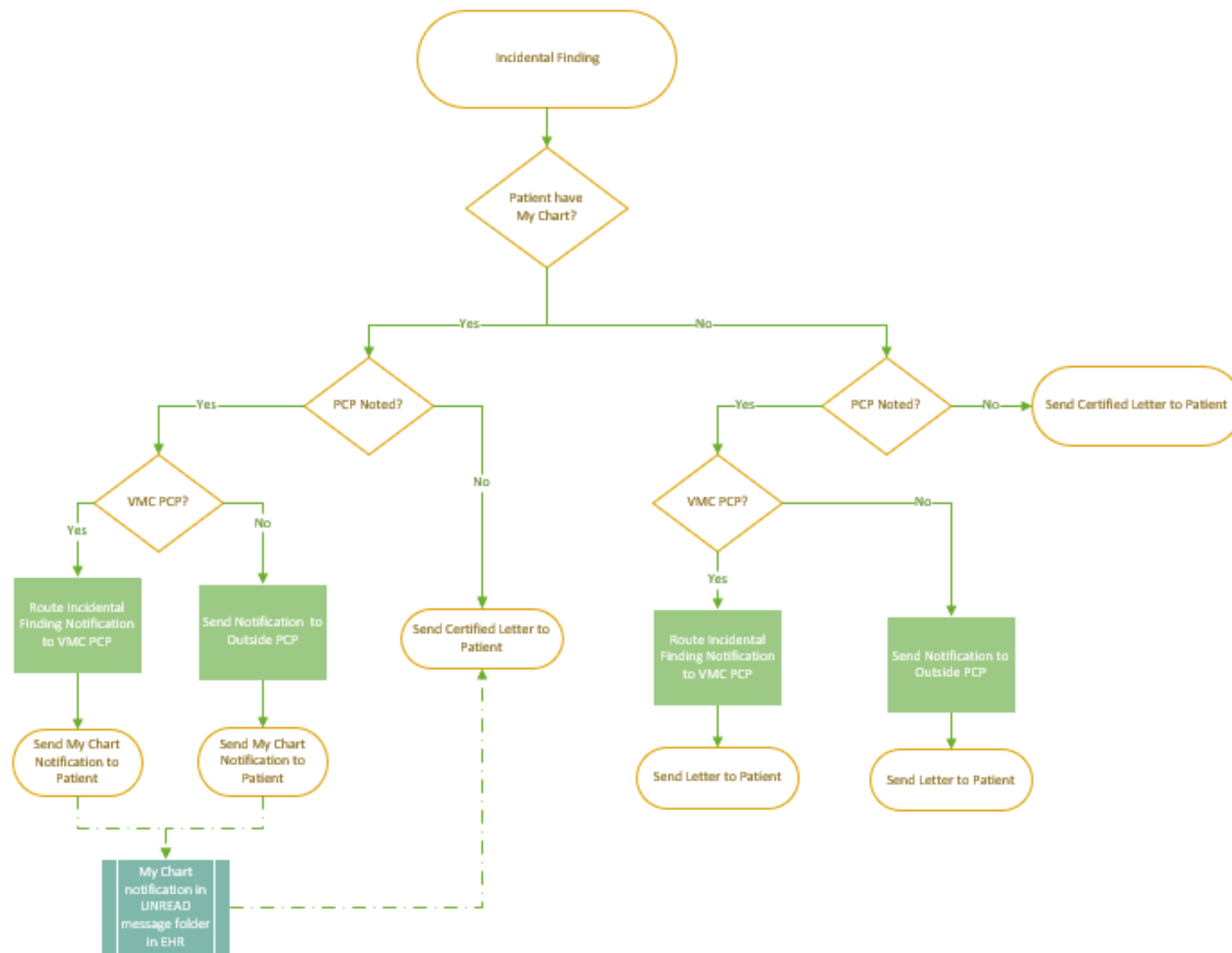


Incidental Finding

- Finding is a mass/lesion discovered on imaging study performed for an unrelated reason
- Standardized, evidence-based recommendations for follow-up guidelines are on the report
- Types of recommendations:
 - No imaging follow-up recommended
 - Follow-up with different imaging modality to better characterize
 - Follow-up in future

Incidental Finding-categories

- Incidental AAA
- Incidental Adnexal Cyst CT
- Incidental Adrenal Lesion
- Incidental Cardiomegaly
- Incidental Liver Lesion
- Incidental Lung
- Incidental Ovarian Cyst Ultrasound
- Incidental Pancreatic Cyst
- Incidental Pituitary
- Incidental Renal Lesion
- Incidental Thoracic Aorta
- Incidental Thyroid Nodule
- Incidental Visceral



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Need to talk to the radiologist?

- Number listed at the top of the report
- During business hours: **253-661-4755**
- Epic in-basket message
 - Monitored by the business office
- Clinician consult request
 - www.vrads.com
- Secure chat
 - Someday

