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Changes to CT Imaging Orders: Code Stroke, CT Brain Perfusion, CTA Head and CTA Neck

Ordering Providers

This bulletin outlines changes to Imaging Code Stroke Panel and orders for CTA Head and CTA Neck.

These changes will take effect on **January 1, 2026**.

IMPORTANT: Providers must make changes to their personal preference list(s) according to the information provided below.

Imaging Code Stroke Panel – New Brain Perfusion Order

- This order will remain unchanged: **CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450**
- Within the panel, the existing CT brain perfusion with IV contrast 0042T order will expire.
 - This will be replaced with **CT brain perfusion w IV contrast w concurrent CT/CTA head 70472**.
- Within the panel, the existing CTA head with and without IV contrast 70496 and CTA neck with and without IV contrast 70498 will be replaced with a combination order.
 - These separate orders will be replaced with **CTA head and neck with and without IV contrast 70471**.

Existing Code Stroke Panel

<p>❗ CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450 STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p>	
<p>❗ CT brain perfusion with IV contrast 0042T STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence Reason for exam: Code Stroke The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p>	Expired
<p>❗ CTA head with and without IV contrast 70496 STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence Reason for exam: Code Stroke The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p>	Combined
<p>❗ CTA neck with and without IV contrast 70498 STAT, Once, today at 1019, For 1 occurrence Reason for exam: Code Stroke The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes</p>	

NEW Code Stroke Panel (includes 3 orders)

<p>✅ CT code stroke head without IV contrast 70450 STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p>	
<p>✅ CT brain perfusion w IV contrast w concurrent CT/CTA head 70472 STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p>	Replacement
<p>✅ CTA head and neck with and without IV contrast 70471 STAT, Once, today at 1440, For 1 occurrence The order for contrast is authorized per Catholic Health protocol. Select reference link for contrast policy. Yes Reason for exam: Code Stroke</p>	Replacement

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Non-Code Stroke Imaging

- The following existing individual orders will still be available:
 - CTA HEAD W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70496 [IMG786]
 - CTA NECK W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70498 [IMG199]
 - CTA HEAD W IV CONTRAST 70496 [IMG73200]
 - CTA NECK W IV CONTRAST 70498 [IMG72596]
- If ordering **both** a CTA Head and a CTA Neck with IV contrast the **new** combined order should be placed:
 - CTA HEAD AND NECK W IV CONTRAST 70471 [IMG73338]
- If ordering **both** a CTA Head and a CTA Neck with and without IV contrast the **new** combined order should be placed:
 - CTA HEAD AND NECK W AND WO IV CONTRAST 70471 [IMG73339]
- If ordering a CT Brain Perfusion with IV Contrast along with a CT or CTA Head the following **new** order should be placed:
 - CT BRAIN PERFUSION W IV CONTRAST W CONCURRENT CT/CTA HEAD 70472 [IMG73336]
- If ordering a CT Brain Perfusion with IV Contrast without an order for CT or CTA Head the following **new** order should be placed:
 - CT BRAIN PERFUSION W IV CONTRAST WO CONCURRENT CT/CTA HEAD 70473 [IMG73337]