

Weekend Day Call Orientation

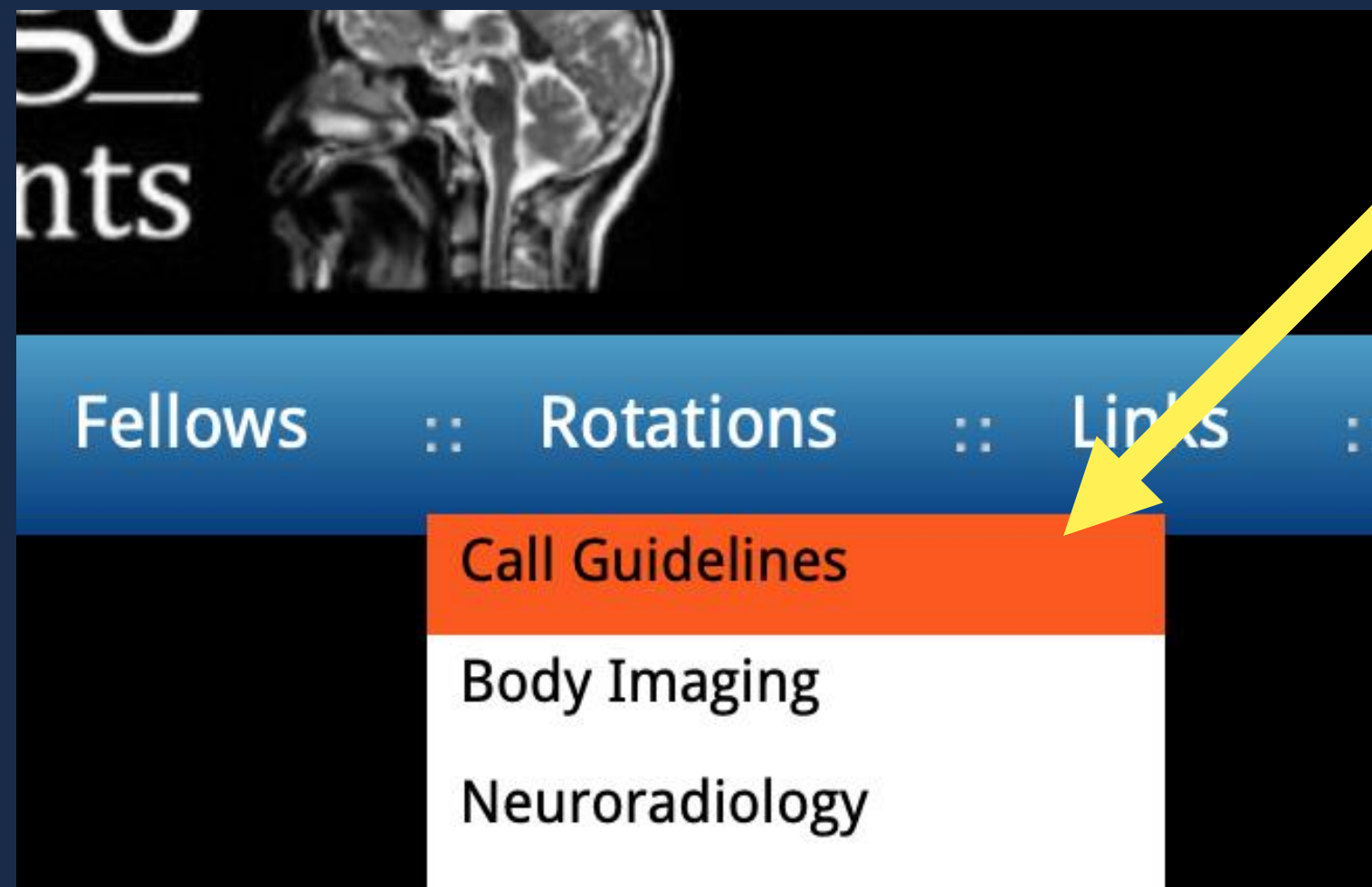
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RadioGraphics On-Call Preparation Article Index

This “on-call” index of *RadioGraphics* articles and *RadioGraphics* Fundamentals presentations has been created with the input of the RSNA Resident and Fellow Subcommittee for *RadioGraphics* as a resource for radiology residents beginning their on-call rotation. The index is updated weekly with new material as it is published in each issue of *RadioGraphics*. For more information, click on the “On-Call Preparation” link under “Favorites” link under Tools on the *RadioGraphics* website.

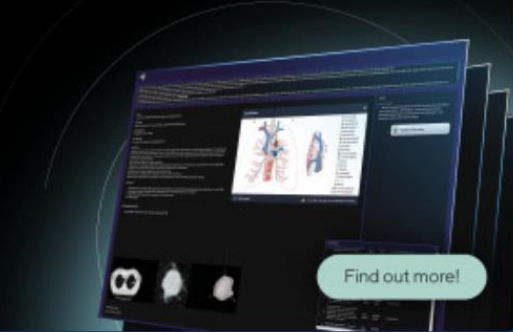
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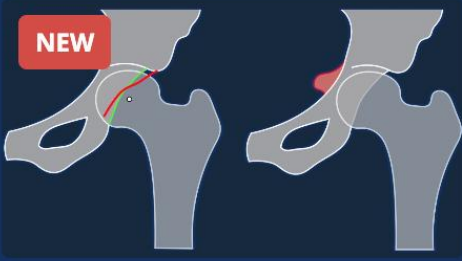
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Educational site of the Radiological Society of the Netherlands

by Frank and Robin Smithuis

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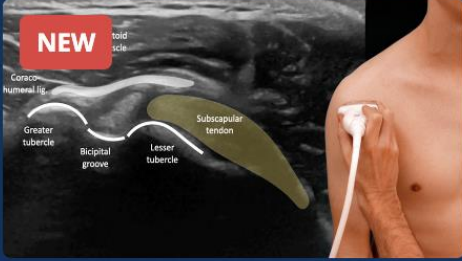
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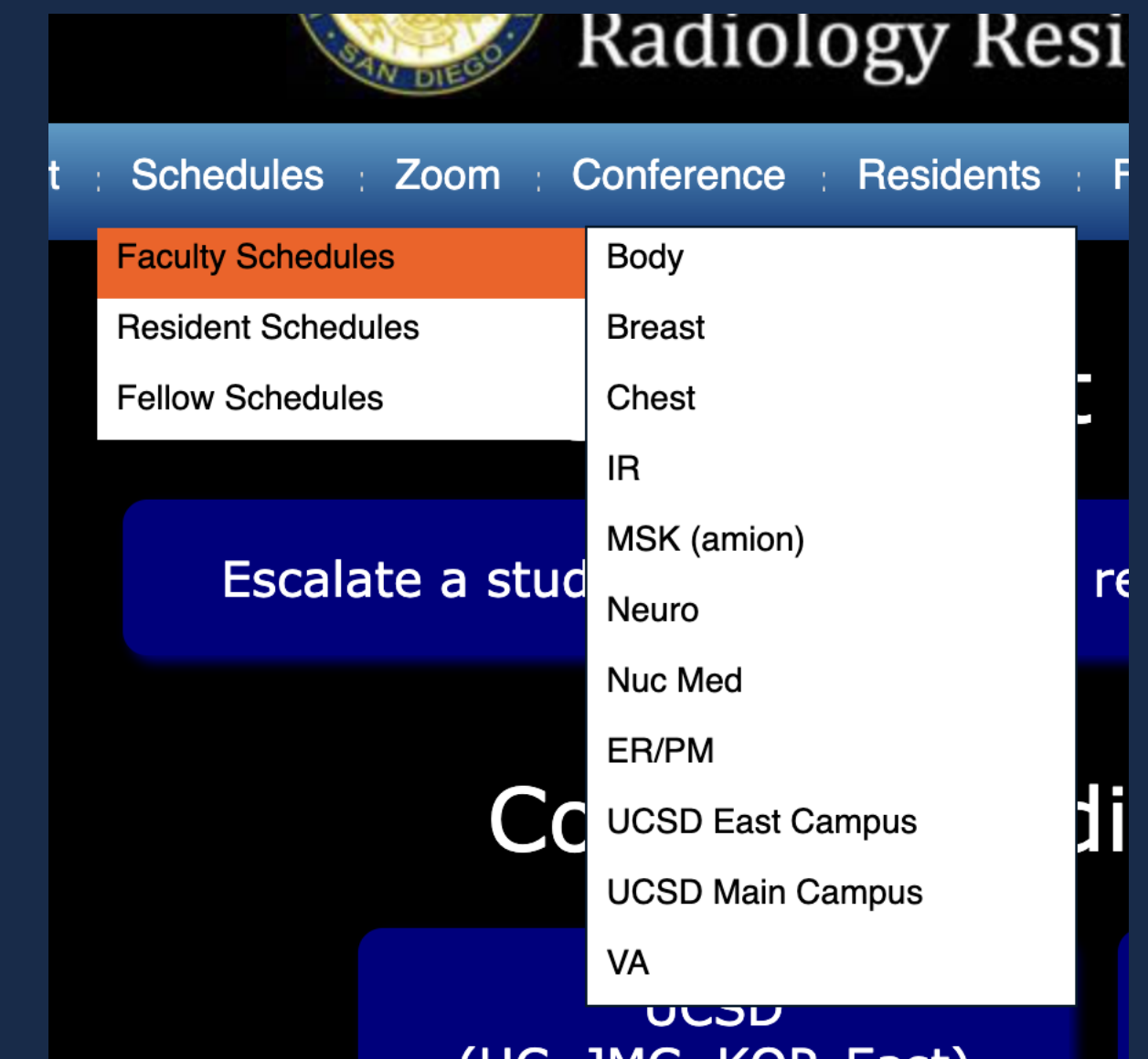
Rad-call is a **free, open-source** repository of commonly referenced resources for on-call radiology.

General Call Guidance

- Show up at 7AM
- Update the RadRes Daily Info page for Weekend/Holiday with your name and workstation phone number



- Check who you're working with via the Faculty Schedules tab on RadRes
 - Can reach out to them in the morning
- Focus of call is ED and Inpatient studies
- When in doubt, ask the attending



Basics

- Call shifts
 - UCSD subspecialty call: 7am-5pm
 - Neuro
 - Chest
 - Body
 - MSK
 - VA: 7am-5pm
- Staffing:
 - 1 faculty (usually, VA will have 1 faculty per subspecialty)
 - +/- 1 fellow
 - 1 resident

Neuro

- Location and contrast coverage: SATURDAY & SUNDAY → HILLCREST
- Hours: 7am-5pm
- Lists: NEURO - HC CT/XR IP/ER, NEURO - JMC CT/XR IP/ER (MR lists may also be helpful to have up in case someone calls about a study)
- Focus: CTs, Stroke CTAs, the occasional skull radiograph
- Protocols: CTs
- Other:
 - There is almost always a fellow on call with you, but on days when there is not, you are often contacted for MRI protocols. Do your best, and don't be shy about asking the attending about MRI protocol or clearance questions.

Chest

- Location and contrast coverage: KOP Body reading room → covering KOP contrast
- Hours: 7am-5pm
- Lists: CHEST – LJ CXR, CHEST – HILLCREST CXR, CHEST – LJ CT ER/IP, CHEST – HILLCREST CT ER/IP, CHEST – EC
 - Can also use CALL – CHEST ALL, though this list includes outpatients
- Focus: ED/IP/Urgent Care radiographs, IP/ED CTs (check with attending because some may prefer to quickly get the CXRs off the list themselves.)
- Protocols: CTs
- Other: Sometimes will get requests for cardiac CTAs → discuss with attending (not all attendings read cardiac). Not responsible for reading these.

Body

- Location and contrast coverage: **SATURDAY & SUNDAY → THORNTON**
- Hours: 7am-5pm
- Lists: BODY - HILLCREST, BODY - THORNTON
- Focus: ED/IP KUBs, US, CT. Fellow will typically handle MRIs. Outpatients generally handled by separate attending.
- Protocols: CTs (fellow generally handles MRIs)
- Other: Sometimes Saturday fluoroscopy studies (typically post-op foregut studies)

MSK

- **Location**: Variable, check with attending before the weekend
- **Hours**: 7am-5pm
- **Lists**: MSK - HILLCREST, MSK - THORNTON
- **Focus**: IP/ED radiographs, CT, MRI
- **Protocols**: CT and MRI (can ask attending about MRI protocols if unsure)
- **Contrast coverage**: None.
- **Other**: May get calls about emergent joint aspiration, can forward the info to the on-call fellow who's responsible for these (but if it's a holiday with fellows off, ask the attending).

VA

- **Location and contrast coverage**: Read from Body or MSK reading room → covering VA CT and MRI contrast
 - Helpful to forward phones from MSK/Body rooms to yours because people will just call random numbers
- **Hours**: 7am-5pm
- **List**: All studies list (but helpful sometimes to go through subspecialty lists to make sure you're not missing anything)
- **Focus**: IP/ED studies
- **Protocols**: CT tech may call for protocols, best to try and check CPRS notes to see what ordering doc wants
- **Other**:
 - Volume can be variable, so don't fall behind
 - Log into Teams in the AM, attendings will often reach out to you there and see when it will work to read out. Some may just take your studies and sign them off (Dr. Karunamuni, Dr. Bergman, others).
 - Stark will read all chest (typically he's covering Saturdays), no need to touch anything unless someone calls to review a study

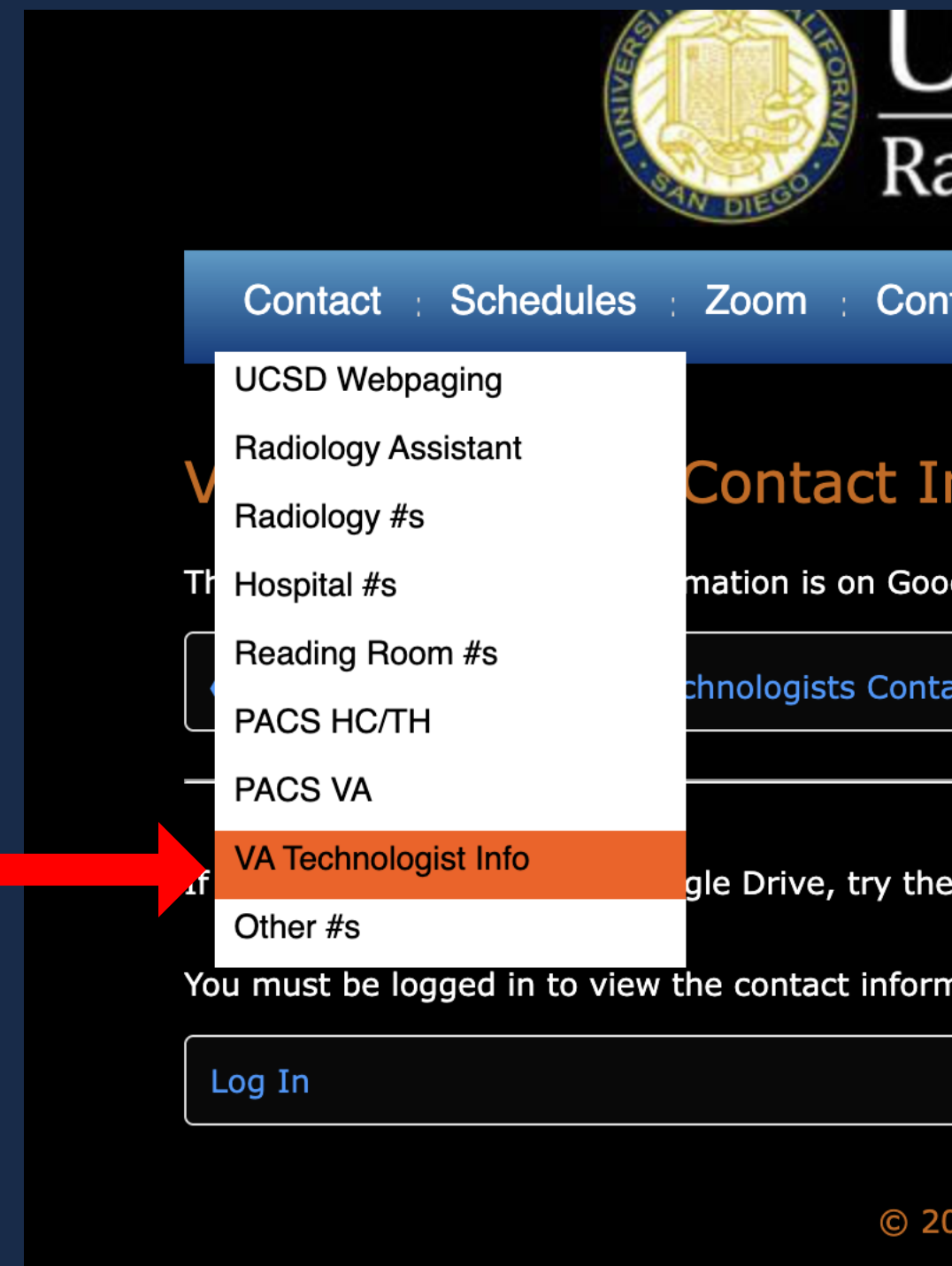
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Calling in the US/MRI Techs

- CT tech is present in house M-F 24/7 and 7:30-midnight on weekends
- Typically during the morning and into the early afternoon on weekends, US and MRI techs are in house
- There are specific indications for calling in CT, US, and MRI technicians (Julie has a list that we can send you)
 - Need to protect our technicians and only call them in if it's indicated
 - Best to review the list of indicated studies so you're somewhat familiar
 - Ordering doc will call and ask for a study, let them know you will check and see if it's indicated, take the patient ID info and study they're requesting, and a callback number
 - You WILL be pressured to call in the tech, if it's not an indicated emergent study you may always defer to reminding them this is the current policy and we you will not be calling in the technician, and try to suggest another type of study if it may useful.

VA (cont.)

Calling in the US/MRI Techs



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Indications for calling in techs for US/MRI can be found in the
“Instructions for calling in VA technologists.docx” file

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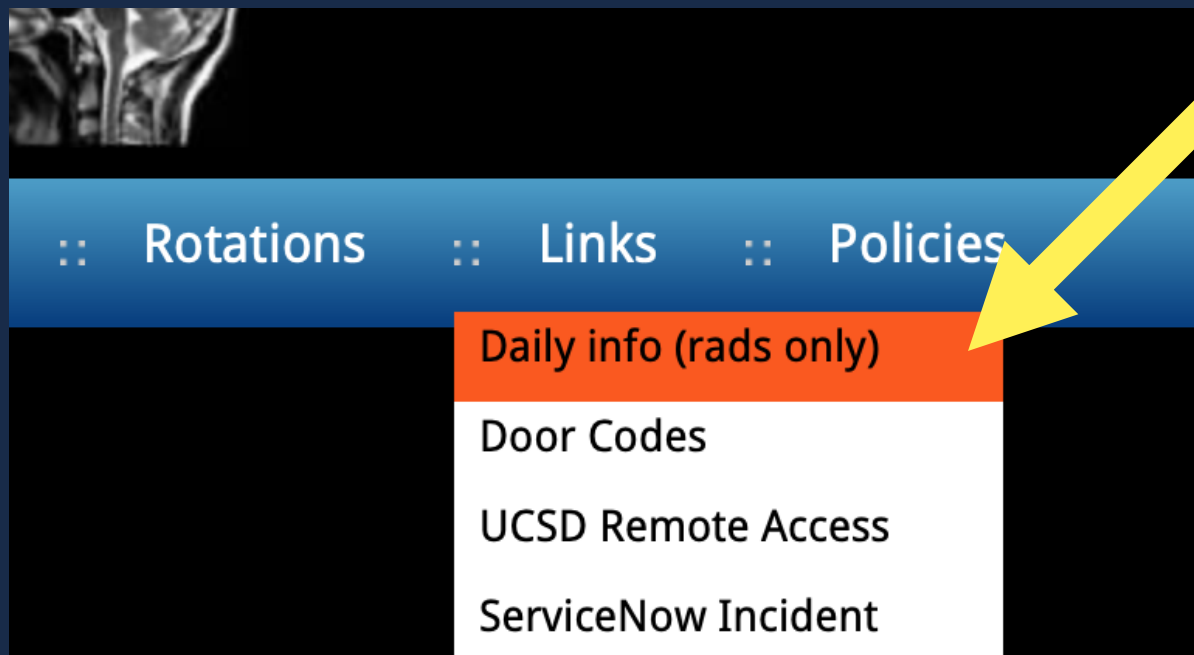
- Need to be in the area and prepared to be called in for the day for a full shift.
 - DO NOT assume you'll have the day off.
- If these weekends don't workout, you can trade them just like regular call shifts.
- Worked shifts will count toward your total call volume.

Tips

- Keep an eye out for emails from on-call faculty prior to the weekend
 - Sometimes will give info on where to be, what to focus on reading, how they prefer things to run, etc.
- Be on time → NF is GONE at 7am, sometimes faculty / fellows don't join until later
- Make sure phone info is updated on RadRes
- In the AM, see if there are any new STAT ED/IP studies that don't have prelims yet → may be best to lay an eye on those first so something important isn't overlooked
- Now is the time to lock down search patterns to get ready for nights.
- Make use of macros from peers / senior residents
- Can add yourself to trauma / stroke pagers to stay ahead

Remember to update Radres contact info!

Update contrast coverage if it applies!



Make sure you're updating the correct tab for the weekend/holiday!

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UCSD (HC + JMC)			
Section	EPIC Messenger	Phone	Contrast Coverage
Abdomen and Pelvis			
X-ray, ultrasound, CT			
MRI, fellow			HC
Ultrasound Outpatient			
Attending (optional)			
Cardiothoracic			
Chest	Victoria Vuong	Epic chat	KOP
Attending (optional)			
Musculoskeletal			
X-ray/CT	Khalid Almohaideb	Epic chat/75921	
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Neuro			
CT	Nathan Chai	858-249-6147	HC
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Contrast week

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