

Required Documentation for Clinical History & Tech Notes

Experity Teleradiology | Patient & Study History

Use of this document:

To ensure each imaging study is accompanied by complete, specific, and clinically relevant information to support accurate and timely interpretations

Minimum Requirements for History

Include the **clinical indication** and any **relevant patient history**. This information supports medical necessity, aids radiologist interpretation, and may impact reimbursement.

Documentation Checklist

1. Location of Pain or Symptoms

- Be specific: Which body part or region?
 - Document **point of tenderness** or specific anatomical area (e.g., "left lower quadrant," "right wrist").
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2. Nature of the Complaint or Incident

- Was there a traumatic event?
 - If yes, describe:
 - Motor vehicle accident (MVA)
 - Fall (include height/direction if known)
 - Assault or other mechanism
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3. Surgical History

- Has the patient had **prior surgery** in the area of concern?
 - What type of surgery?
 - **Date or timeframe** of surgery?

NOTE: If labeled "Post-Op" in the order:

*Include the type of surgery and **how long ago** it was performed.*

4. Relevant Prior Exams

- Note any recent or relevant prior imaging:
 - Example: "Ultrasound performed 03/2024 showed a right renal cyst."
 - Ensure **prior reports and images** are accessible or requested for comparison.
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5. Relevant Medical History

- Include any chronic conditions or pertinent past diagnoses that relate to the exam:
 - Flank pain? → History of kidney stones?
 - RLQ pain? → History of appendectomy?
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Pro Tips

- Avoid vague terms like "pain" or "post-op" alone—**specificity is key**.
- If unsure, **ask the patient or provider** for more detailed information.
- Quality documentation helps the radiologist generate a **more accurate and clinically relevant report**.