



MEMORANDUM

DATE	December 20, 2011
TO	Stakeholders
FROM	George Dodd, Executive Officer
SUBJECT	New MRI reporting requirements effective January 01, 2012

Effective January 1, 2012, the California State Athletic Commission (CSAC) will require that the Gradient Recall Echo (GRE) sequence results also be reported, when an MRI is completed.

The GRE sequence is part of the current brain MRI scan process. Ideally, it should be possible to report this without incurring any additional expense. While it is almost certain that these sequences are already being obtained from the standard MRI scans, the radiologists interpreting the scans simply need to note any GRE results in their interpretation. Additionally, the CD/images provided to CSAC physicians for licensing should include these GRE sequences.

This test sequence will help the Advisory Committee on Medical Safety Standards establish a baseline for each fighter. The purpose of the GRE sequence test is to rule out more subtle evidence of head trauma, such as micro-bleeds and axonal injury.

Please direct any questions to CSAC at 916-263-2195 or csac@dca.ca.gov.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.