

Fully integrated radiology requesting Clinical Decision Support Tool

On Monday 7 July 2025, the Clinical Decision Support (CDS) Tool piloted in Hillingdon and London North West University NHS Trust incorporating the NHS North West London guidelines for imaging requests made through the Integrated Clinical Environment (ICE) system will be enabled for all GPs referring into Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. This is fully integrated with ICE requesting and provides point-of-care advice to the clinician on the most appropriate imaging for their patient.

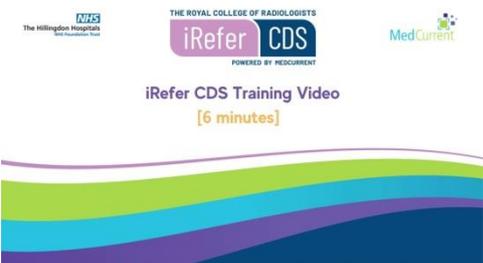
CDS provides iRefer guidance (peer reviewed guidelines developed by the Royal College of Radiologists over 20 years and now in their 8th iteration) helping to support GiRFT principles (Getting it Right First Time) enabling leaner, more efficient both working in the clinic and within radiology and supporting the clinician in discussions with patients where imaging is not indicated.

All information entered into CDS is automatically transferred into ICE so does not need to be duplicated. Additional information can still be added within ICE. The priority for your request still needs to be added in ICE.

Following feedback, the guidelines have been updated and aligned with the NHS North West London clinical pathways making the content relevant for primary care. The relevant clinical pathways can be launched directly from within the software by clicking on the NHS North West London logo.

The current updates have been reviewed by GP leads across Northwest London. The system is also in use within NHS primary and secondary care in CDS is now live in Norfolk & Norwich and Swindon regions, EMRAD, Sussex, Milton Keynes, Princess Alex, Buckinghamshire, Bath, and others.

This PDF below is a useful guide on how to use and interact with CDS. A training video is also available at <https://youtu.be/FhDveu2pW20>



The image shows a video thumbnail for 'iRefer CDS Training Video' with a duration of 6 minutes. The thumbnail features logos for The Hillingdon Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, The Royal College of Radiologists, and MedCurrent. Below the logos is a colorful abstract graphic with wavy lines in shades of green, blue, and purple.

Video (iRefer CDS): Clinical Decision Support for Radiology Requests

Clinical decision support (CDS) for radiology requests with MedCurrent's iRefer CDS integrated into the Clinisys ICE requesting workflow

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The CDS Team are also holding virtual meetings on Monday 7th to Friday 11th July at 1pm to provide support and to facilitate feedback on its further development in primary care. You can give direct feedback through the software to the clinical team.

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