Diagnostic Imaging

The diagnostic imaging (DI) repositories provide authorized health care providers access to diagnostic images and corresponding reports from hospitals and independent health facilities. Immediate access to DI images, reports and studies from other sites helps providers make faster diagnoses without having to wait for physical transfer of images or CDs to specialists.

Diagnostic Imaging Common Service was launched in 2017 to provide consolidated access to digital health information from the regional DI repositories so that users can view reports and images from across the province. The availability of this important information is being rolled out to all ConnectingOntario and ClinicalConnect™ users in 2018.

Benefits

- 24/7 access to diagnostic imaging and reports
- Collaborate real-time with a broader range of specialists including remote consultations
- Get a more complete history of a patient leading to significant improvement in patient diagnosis
- Reduce unnecessary transfers and repeat exams for patients and provide care closer to home
- Fewer reimaging tests, saving costs and reducing unnecessary exposure to radiation for patients

Key Types of Medical Images and Reports Available

The Diagnostic Imaging Repositories include images and reports of a number of radiology services offered by hospitals and independent health facilities in Ontario.

- **CT Scans**
  Used for checking broken bones, cancers, blood clots, signs of heart disease, etc.

- **Ultrasounds**
  Used to examine abdomen, carotids, venous, thyroid, etc.

- **MRIs**
  Used to produce detailed pictures of organs, soft tissues, bone, and other structures inside the body

- **Mammograms**
  Used to assist in the detection of breast diseases

- **X-Rays**
  Used to determine broken bones (fractures) and damaged ligaments, and organ diseases such as pneumonia in the lung, or cancer
How to Access Medical Images and Reports

Authorized users can access images and reports in a number of ways.

**ClinicalConnect™**
*Upcoming Availability*

Authorized health care providers in South West Ontario will have the ability to view DI reports from across Ontario via ClinicalConnect (https://bit.ly/2Ian1Yo).

A future phase is planned to make images available.

**ConnectingOntario ClinicalViewer**
*Upcoming Availability*

Authorized health care providers in Greater Toronto Area and Northern and Eastern Region can view DI reports from their region via ConnectingOntario Clinical Viewer (https://bit.ly/2uz6Hli).

A 2018 release is planned to make images and reports available across the province.

**eHealth Portal**
*Upcoming Availability*

Health care professionals with access to the eHealth Portal (https://www.ehealthontario.ca/) can view images and reports online.

Getting Connected

Learn more about how you can get access to diagnostic images and reports. For details contact us at:

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