

# Have you “Paused & Checked”?

IR(ME)R Operator checklist for theatre and mobile imaging investigations including IRR considerations

<b>P</b>	Patient	<p>Confirm patient ID (unconscious patients – record the person responsible for confirming ID)</p> <p>Verify pregnancy/breastfeeding status</p> <p>Confirm pathology results (e.g. eGFR) and no contraindications for the use of intravenous contrast media</p> <p>Verify consent</p>
<b>A</b>	Anatomy	<p>Verify anatomical area, laterality, and where patients are draped, position</p>
<b>U</b>	User Checks (IRR)	<p>Consider the environment – persons present and entering</p> <p>Area designation – controlled or supervised? (Follow Local Rules)</p> <p>Prevent unauthorised access – be prepared to terminate exposure!</p> <p>Restrict exposures to staff/carers</p> <p>Check staff/carers for PPE and correctly positioned dosimeters</p>
	User Checks IR(ME)R	<p>Confirm the exposure is justified and authorised</p> <p>Double check previous relevant imaging</p> <p>Safety checks – e.g. implantable cardiac defibrillator</p> <p>Optimise patient dose (ALARP)</p>
<b>S</b>	System & Settings	<p>Confirm visibility/status of warning signage to restrict access</p> <p>Confirm correct patient selection from pre-loaded list</p> <p>Confirm correct exposure factors</p> <p>Final confirmation of CORRECT patient</p> <p>Ensure audible exposure warning is given where required</p>
<b>E</b>	End exposure	<p>End examination</p> <p>Ensure x-ray generator is isolated, or source contained/removed</p> <p>Can area be de-designated?</p> <p>Ensure mobile equipment is clean and suitably stored</p>
<b>D</b>	Draw to a Close	<p>Complete RIS record including dose</p> <p>Send images to PACS, check correctly labelled and stored</p>

IR(ME)R requires all duty holders to comply with their local Employers procedures. This “pause and check” poster does **not replace** these procedures but represents a shortened summary of the main checks. **You must always adhere to your local procedures.**