



## IVC Filter Tracking & Consultation

The purpose of this guideline is to define MRG's procedure for tracking IVC filter placements, reviewing cases for removal, consultation scheduling, and follow up on recommendations.

### Scope

This guideline applies to any patient who received an IVC filter under the care of a MRG IR physician.

### Guideline

- IVC Filter Tracking
  - MRG staff will track all patients who receive an IVC filter under the care of a MRG IR physician
    - Site worklists will be reviewed daily for new IVC filter placements and removals
    - New IVC filter patients are entered into a digital spreadsheet for follow up
    - IVC filter patients are tracked until filter is removed or IR physician determines that the filter will not need to be removed
      - ◆ The MRG standard recommendation for removal is 3 months post placement
      - ◆ Other timeline recommendations for removal may be included in the IR report or patient discharge summary
        - These removal recommendations should be addressed at the specified time
- IVC Filter Case Review
  - IVC filter cases will be reviewed by an IR physician at approximately 8 weeks post placement
  - MRG staff will verify if any other provider has assumed care of the IVC filter treatment planning
    - Check with medical assistants or physicians if necessary
    - Document if care has been assumed by another treating physician
  - MRG staff will obtain patient information on IVC filter cases for IR physician review
    - Name of IR physician who placed IVC filter
    - Name of facility where IVC filter was placed
    - Date IVC filter was placed
    - Most recent history and physical from PCP or other
    - Recent imaging reports and location of exams
    - Recent lab reports and location of tests
  - IR physician will review IVC filter cases and make recommendations for management
    - IR physician may request a consult with the patient to discuss the removal procedure and risk factors involved
    - IR physician may determine that the filter will not need to be removed
      - ◆ MRG staff will notify PCP
    - IR physician may ask MRG staff to follow up at a future date

- Consult Request
  - MRG staff will schedule a consultation with the IVC filter patient at one of the following locations as instructed by the IR physician
    - Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center
    - Providence Medford Medical Center
    - The Medford Radiological Group, PC
  - Consult time will be set for 20 minutes and will require the following available items/services
    - Comfortable chair or gurney for patient
    - Chair and table (possibly computer) for IR physician
    - Most recent history & physical
    - Someone to take patient vitals
    - MRG imaging/procedure order forms
  
- Imaging/Procedure Order Forms
  - IR physicians are able to order the removal of an IVC filter as the “treating physician”
  - IR physicians are able to order diagnostic imaging studies related to the ongoing treatment or monitoring of an IVC filter patient
  - Imaging exam orders (vascular ultrasound) should be flagged for MRG physicians to read
  - MRG staff will send results to ordering MRG physician for review
  
- IVC Filter Removal Scheduling
  - MRG staff will schedule IVC filter removals at one of the following locations as instructed by the consulting IR physician
    - Asante Rogue Regional Medical Center
    - Providence Medford Medical Center