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Dear fellow provider,

Thank you for your partnership in providing health care for our community. We are reaching out today regarding the global shortage of omnipaque contrast material. This shortage will have a local impact on studies such as CT with contrast and CT angiogram and is expected to last through July. Enloe is taking conservation measures and we are requesting your assistance in this effort.

What Enloe is doing: Physicians and hospital leaders are meeting weekly to mitigate the impact of the shortage. We will continue to evaluate inventory and seek channels for contrast media. To ensure existing supply is put to best use, we are also reviewing orders to determine whether alternative imaging modalities can be used; creating processes to safely eliminate waste; and discussing protocols for evaluating appropriate use.

Additionally, for now, Enloe will schedule contrast studies only for those living in our primary and secondary service areas of Butte, Glenn, Colusa, Lassen, Plumas and Tehama counties.

How you can help: Please consider alternatives to a contrast study wherever possible. Radia's referring physician ordering guide (<https://tinyurl.com/2xfbpfde>) offers assistance in selecting the most effective imaging modality. Other considerations include ordering a non-contrast CT as a screening, and individualizing orders to the clinical situation rather than ordering from an order set.

Thank you for joining us in taking steps to use alternatives so the current supply lasts longer and can be put to most critical use.

If you have any questions, please contact me at marcia.nelson@enloe.org or 530-332-5414.

Respectfully,

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