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PREFACE

<u>ABSTRACT</u>

This study delves into the multifaceted aspects of teleradiology, aiming to explore the challenges and opportunities it presents in the healthcare industry. The research focuses on addressing various critical factors, including connectivity issues, radiographer issues, radiologist delays, and upload issues, while also proposing strategies to optimize the overall reporting process.

Connectivity issues are identified as a major hurdle in teleradiology implementation. To overcome this challenge, the study recommends improving the infrastructure by investing in robust networking solutions, ensuring high-speed internet connectivity, and establishing secure and reliable data transfer protocols. Additionally, optimizing file transfer processes and providing additional resources, such as dedicated IT support teams and efficient cloud-based storage systems, are crucial steps towards enhancing connectivity and minimizing disruptions in image transmission.

Streamlining workflows is another vital aspect highlighted in this study. By analyzing the existing processes, identifying bottlenecks, and implementing workflow optimization strategies, healthcare organizations can improve the efficiency of their teleradiology operations. Adequate support to radiographers, including training programs and ongoing professional development opportunities, can further enhance their performance and ensure smooth and efficient uploads.

Radiologist delays, often caused by inefficient reporting systems and

communication channels, are addressed through various recommendations. Optimizing reporting systems by implementing advanced software solutions, integrating voice recognition technology, and facilitating seamless collaboration between radiologists and referring physicians can significantly reduce turnaround times. Improving communication channels, such as real-time messaging platforms and teleconferencing tools, enables prompt and effective communication, leading to quicker decision-making and improved patient care.

Furthermore, upload issues, which can arise due to technical challenges or user errors, are addressed by promoting education and training among radiology staff. Providing comprehensive training on proper image acquisition, data entry, and quality assurance measures ensures accurate and timely uploads. Implementing a feedback mechanism that encourages users to report any upload issues they encounter enables continuous improvement and prompt resolution of technical glitches.

The study emphasizes the importance of regular monitoring and performance tracking systems to assess the effectiveness of teleradiology operations. By monitoring key performance indicators, healthcare organizations can identify areas for improvement and implement necessary adjustments to enhance efficiency and quality of service delivery. Open communication and feedback mechanisms are crucial in fostering a collaborative environment, enabling all stakeholders to share their experiences, suggestions, and concerns, driving continuous improvement.

Furthermore, the study highlights the role of advanced technologies and automation tools in streamlining teleradiology operations. Leveraging artificial

intelligence (AI) algorithms for image analysis, implementing automated reporting templates, and utilizing image enhancement tools can improve accuracy, speed, and consistency in radiological interpretations.

In conclusion, this study underscores the transformative potential of teleradiology in healthcare. By effectively addressing connectivity issues, streamlining workflows, minimizing radiographer issues, reducing radiologist delays, and optimizing the reporting process, teleradiology can revolutionize healthcare delivery. The successful implementation of teleradiology not only improves access to expert radiological services but also enhances patient care, enables efficient resource allocation, and paves the way for further advancements in the healthcare industry. Teleradiology, if fully realized, is a boon that holds immense promise for the future of healthcare.

1. DISSERTATION TRAINING

1.1. INTRODUCTION

Introduction

Timely and efficient reporting of X-ray images plays a crucial role in providing high-quality patient care in radiology. Delays in the reporting process can lead to prolonged diagnosis and treatment, potentially affecting patient outcomes. U4RAD Technologies, a leading provider of AI-assisted radiology reporting solutions, recognizes the importance of improving turnaround time (TAT) to enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of radiology services.

This study aims to investigate the turnaround time of reporting X-ray images and analyze any existing gaps in the process at U4RAD Technologies over a three-month period, specifically from February to April. By examining the reporting workflow and identifying potential areas of improvement, the study seeks to optimize the reporting process and enhance patient care.

U4RAD Technologies has developed advanced AI-assisted image analytics and a smart reporting toolkit, revolutionizing radiology reporting. Through process improvements, appropriate digital interventions, and selected applications of artificial intelligence, U4RAD aims to empower radiologists and enable them to work more efficiently. Their AI-

assisted Radiology Reporting technology is anticipated to yield higher-quality diagnoses and shorter turnaround times.

By conducting this study, we aim to gain a comprehensive understanding of the current reporting process and flow of radiology services at U4RAD Technologies. Additionally, we will calculate the TAT for X-ray reports, particularly for patients who undergo scans at their homes. Any delays or inefficiencies identified in the reporting process will be carefully analyzed to identify the underlying causes.

Ultimately, the study intends to provide valuable insights and recommendations to improve the turnaround time of reporting X-ray images at U4RAD Technologies. By optimizing the reporting process, we aim to enhance the quality of imaging services, expedite diagnosis and treatment, and improve patient outcomes.

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1.2. OBSERVATIONS AND LEARNINGS

I will share my enriching experiences and valuable learnings during my internship at U4RAD Technologies LLP. This internship opportunity provided me with hands-on exposure to the operations department, allowing me to develop essential skills and gain practical insights into various aspects of business management.

1.2.1 Overview of Responsibilities:

Throughout my internship, which commenced in January 2023, I was actively involved in the operations department at U4RAD Technologies LLP. Under the guidance of experienced professionals, I had the opportunity to contribute to several key areas, including managing PACS, overseeing day-to-day operations, handling inventory, maintaining daily office accounts, facilitating client billing, and coordinating with the accounts department.

1.2.2 Software Implementation and Testing:

A significant portion of my internship was dedicated to software implementation. I actively participated in requirement gathering sessions, collaborating with the team to identify user needs and tailor the software accordingly. This experience honed my skills in effectively communicating with stakeholders and understanding their expectations.

Additionally, I was responsible for training staff members on the new software, helping them adapt to the changes seamlessly.

Furthermore, I was involved in software testing and bug reporting. This aspect of my internship allowed me to develop a meticulous eye for detail, as I meticulously identified and reported bugs. By contributing to the software testing process, I gained an understanding of the importance of quality assurance and ensuring a seamless user experience.

1.2.3 Interpersonal Skills and Stakeholder Management:

Working at U4RAD Technologies LLP provided me with numerous opportunities to interact with a diverse range of individuals. From partnering with stakeholders to collaborating with patients and colleagues, I learned the significance of effective communication and relationship building in a professional setting. These interactions helped me develop strong interpersonal skills, enabling me to navigate complex situations and foster positive connections.

1.2.4 Company SOPs, Policies, and Business Development:

An integral part of my internship involved familiarizing myself with the company's standard operating procedures (SOPs) and policies. By doing so, I gained insights into the organizational structure, workflow, and compliance requirements. This experience instilled in me an appreciation for the importance of adhering to established protocols and guidelines within a professional environment.

1.2.5 Marketing campaigns and business development meetings:

This exposure broadened my understanding of strategic decision-making, market analysis, and the vital role marketing plays in expanding a business's reach. By witnessing firsthand how these activities contributed to the growth of the organization, I gained valuable insights into the dynamics of business development.

1.2.6 Employee Incentives and Teamwork:

During my internship, I had the privilege of being involved in managing employee incentives. This responsibility provided me with a deeper understanding of the significance of recognizing and rewarding employees' efforts. Moreover, it highlighted the importance of fostering a positive work environment and promoting employee motivation and engagement. Working collaboratively with colleagues in this process enhanced my teamwork and leadership abilities.

1.2.7 Camp Data Reconciliation :

I was also actively involved in Camp Data Reconciliation during my internship at U4RAD Technologies LLP. This task played a vital role in ensuring accurate and up-to-date records of camp-related information.

Camp Data Reconciliation involved the meticulous comparison and verification of data collected during medical camps conducted by the organization. I was responsible for cross-checking the data against various sources, such as patient records, attendance lists, and medical test results. This process required a keen eye for detail and a systematic approach to identify any inconsistencies or discrepancies.

By engaging in Camp Data Reconciliation, I learned the importance of data integrity and accuracy in healthcare operations. This experience emphasized the significance of maintaining reliable records for effective decision-making, patient management, and reporting purposes. It also highlighted the need for attention to detail and the ability to work with large datasets.

Furthermore, Camp Data Reconciliation provided me with an opportunity to collaborate with different stakeholders, including camp organizers, medical staff, and administrative personnel. This collaboration enhanced my interpersonal and communication skills as I worked closely with the team to ensure the accuracy and completeness of camp-related data. It also gave me insights into the coordination and teamwork required in healthcare settings to deliver quality patient care and optimize camp operations.

Overall, my involvement in Camp Data Reconciliation during my internship at U4RAD Technologies LLP further enhanced my skills in data management, attention to detail, and collaboration. It allowed me to witness firsthand the importance of accurate and reliable data in the healthcare industry and deepened my understanding of the critical role played by technology in maintaining and reconciling such data effectively.

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2.2 Literature Review

Teleradiology is playing an essential part in early disease diagnosis so that patients can get the treatment started in a short span of time. It is convenient for radiologists to work even if they are miles away from the diagnostic centre/hospital.

Teleradiology is playing an important part in rural areas. Teleradiology Solutions in Bangalore, Karnataka, formed an alliance with 26 Community Healthcare Centres (CHC), District (DH), and Sub-district (SDH) hospitals in Tripura, which are more than 3000 kilometres away, with the goal of promoting early diagnosis and enhancing health care outcomes in the rural areas of northeast India. Radiographs of patients from the sites were converted into digital images using the Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM) standard and uploaded to a cloud-based Radiology Information System and Picture Archiving and Communication System (RIS-PACS) for interpretation by board-certified radiologists at a Teleradiology reporting hub in Bangalore.

Using teleradiology over a three-year period beginning in January 2018, 78622 studies were interpreted. Both research types and all age groups were represented.

This allowed for the delivery of the best care possible during the same visit because people could consult their doctor on the same day with the report. We draw the conclusion that teleradiology has been demonstrated to be a value-added service in remote North East India's rural healthcare.

Another example is of use of Teleradiology during the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic, there was a requirement for a huge number of Radiologists to check the CT/X-

ray, particularly of chest cases. Teleradiology reduces the turnaround time and played a significant role

The above two studies prove that if the turnaround time of teleradiology is reduced due to various factors like auto-allocation, AI, etc., can help patients to get quicker results and ultimately the quick start of the treatment rather than waiting for a long time for the reports.

2.3   Objectives

The study aims at improving the quality of imaging services.

The objectives of the study are:

• To understand the reporting process and flow of the Radiology services

• To calculate the TAT of reports for home diagnostic patients after the patient undergoes a

scan at his home

• To identify the reasons for delay in reporting if any

2.4   Methodology

The study is cross-sectional and descriptive in nature which is carried out for a period of three-month duration at U4RAD Technologies. Data is collected through direct observation, time study and conversation with the staff also a workflow diagram is prepared for better clarity of the reporting process. A sample of 177 X-RAY reports is taken up for the study. The main participants of the study are radiologists, managers and technicians.

Study location: U4RAD Technologies LLP

Study units: Patients who had undergone X-ray scans.

Keywords: Turnaround Time (TAT); Report of Radiology services; Reporting Process Flow; TAT of Report

Sampling Technique: Convenience Sampling

Sample size: 177. The sample is taken based on the average of XRays of three months (Feb-April) and then, the sample size was calculated under study with a confidence level of 95% and margin of error of 5%.

Study Duration: 3 months (Feb-March-April, 2023)

Sampling Criteria:

Inclusion Criteria: Include all the patients who are being scanned at home or at the office.

Study Tool: Checklist Method

Study Analysis: Microsoft Excel

Sr. No.	Study	Case Done time	Report sent to patient time	TAT	Comments

Figure 2.4.1. Checklist for the study

2.5. Results

2.5.1 Distribution of Report TAT

After evaluating, 177 X-Rays, it was found out that,

- 128 cases were reported within one hour (72%)

- 32 cases were reported after one hour but completed before 2 hours (18%)

- 5 cases were reported in 2 to 4 hours (3%)

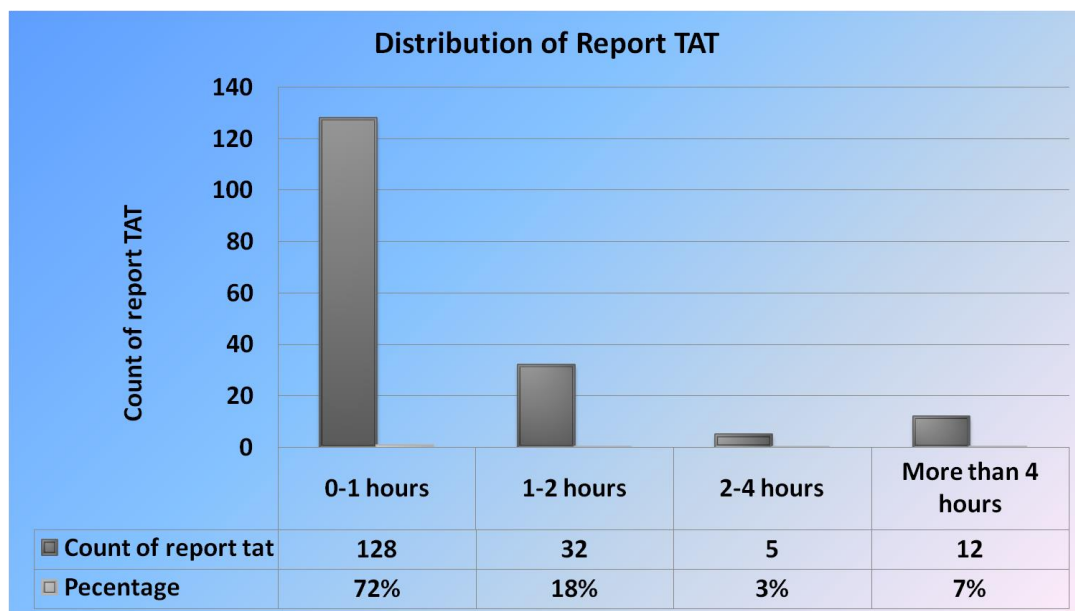- 12 cases were reported after 4 hours. (7%)

Distribution of Report TAT

	0-1 hours	1-2 hours	2-4 hours	More than 4 hours
▣ Count of report tat	128	32	5	12
☐ Pecentage	72%	18%	3%	7%

Figure 2.5.1. Results after evaluating TAT of X-Ray scans

2.5.2 Overall Report TAT :

- Total X-Ray done : 177

- X-Ray reporting done within time limit : 128 (72%)
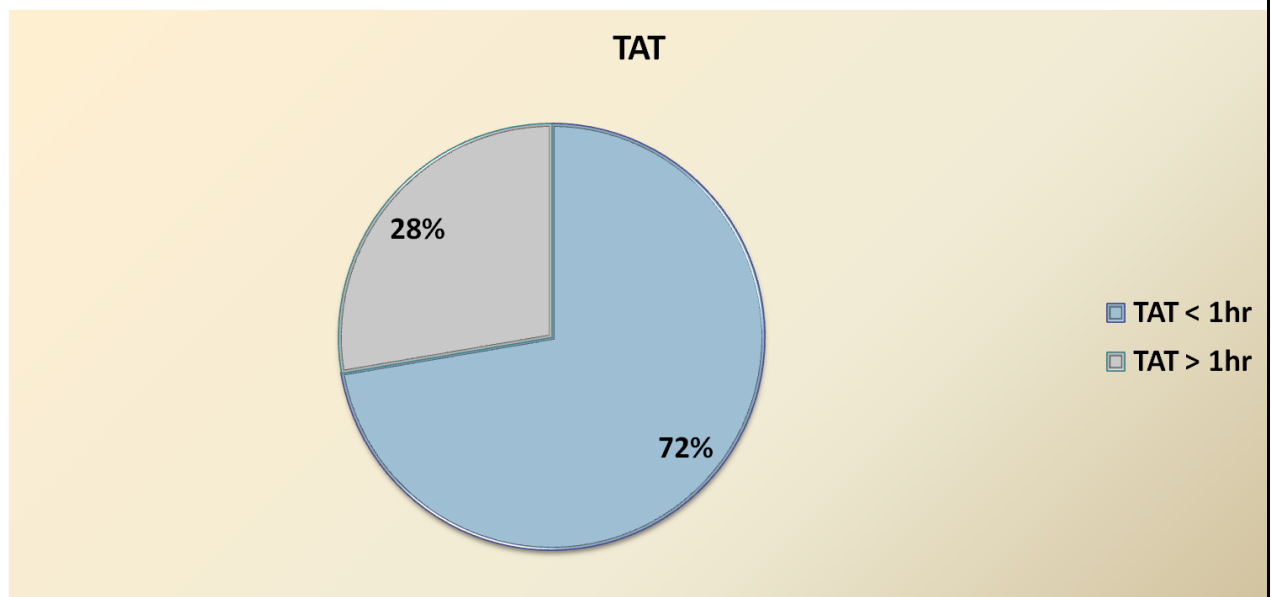
- X-Ray exceeding the time limit : 49 (28%)

Figure 2.5.2. Results after evaluating Overall TAT of X-Ray scans.

2.5.3 Reasons for delay :

- **Equipment breakdown Issue** – X-Ray tube breakdown, DR breakdown, Laptop
  breakdown. (4%)

- **Heavy workload** – Unavailability of X-Ray tube, DR, Laptop etc. (4%)

- **Connectivity Issue** – Internet connectivity, X-Ray tube and DR connectivity etc. (37%)

- **Radiographer Issue** – Late upload, Communication gaps etc. (22%)

- **Radiologist Delay** – Unavailability, Late reporting, etc. (25%)

- **Software Issue** – PACS issue, X-Ray software issue, etc. (6%)

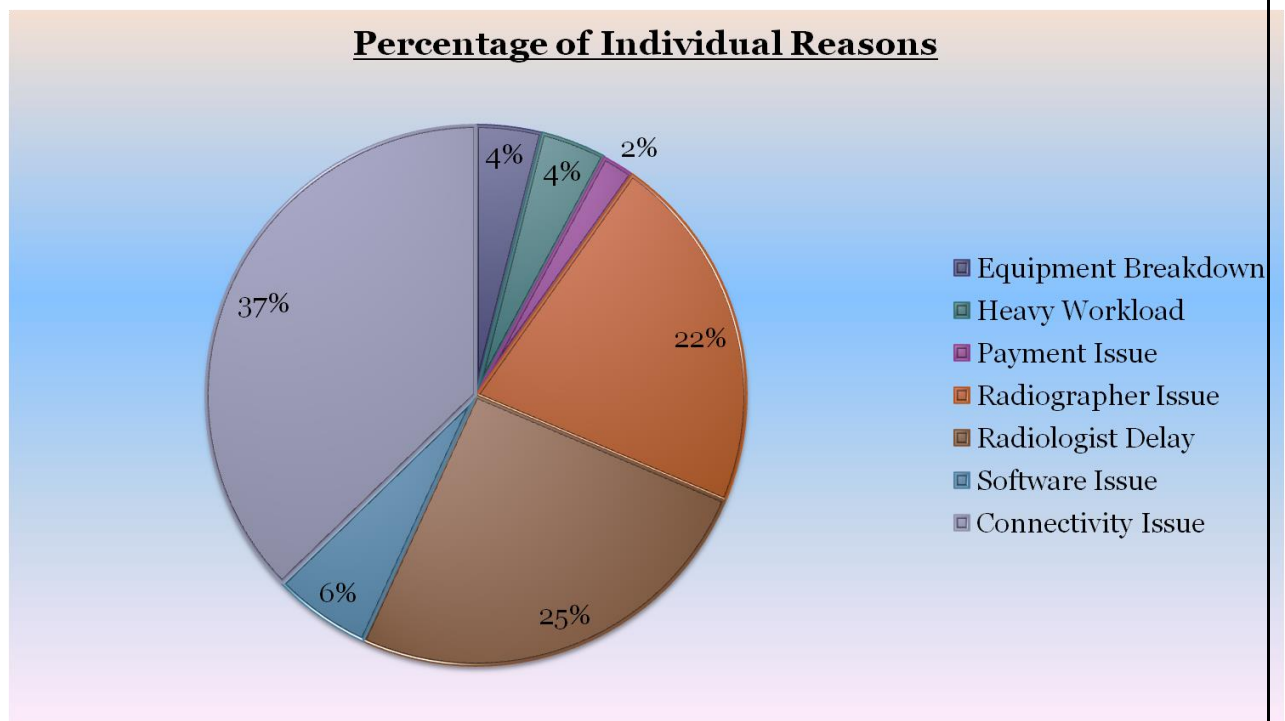- **Payment Issue** – Delay in payment from patient. (2%)

Figure 2.5.3. Reasons for delay

Most Common Reasons of Delay :

- 22% - Radiographer Issues

- 25% - Radiologist Delay

- 37% - Upload Issue

2.5.4. Descriptive statistics :

- **2.5.4.1 Radiographer Issues:**

    •Mean: 6 hour, 59 minutes

    •Standard Deviation: 4 hours, 41 minutes

    •Minimum: 1 hour, 3 minutes

    •Maximum: 20 hours, 42 minutes
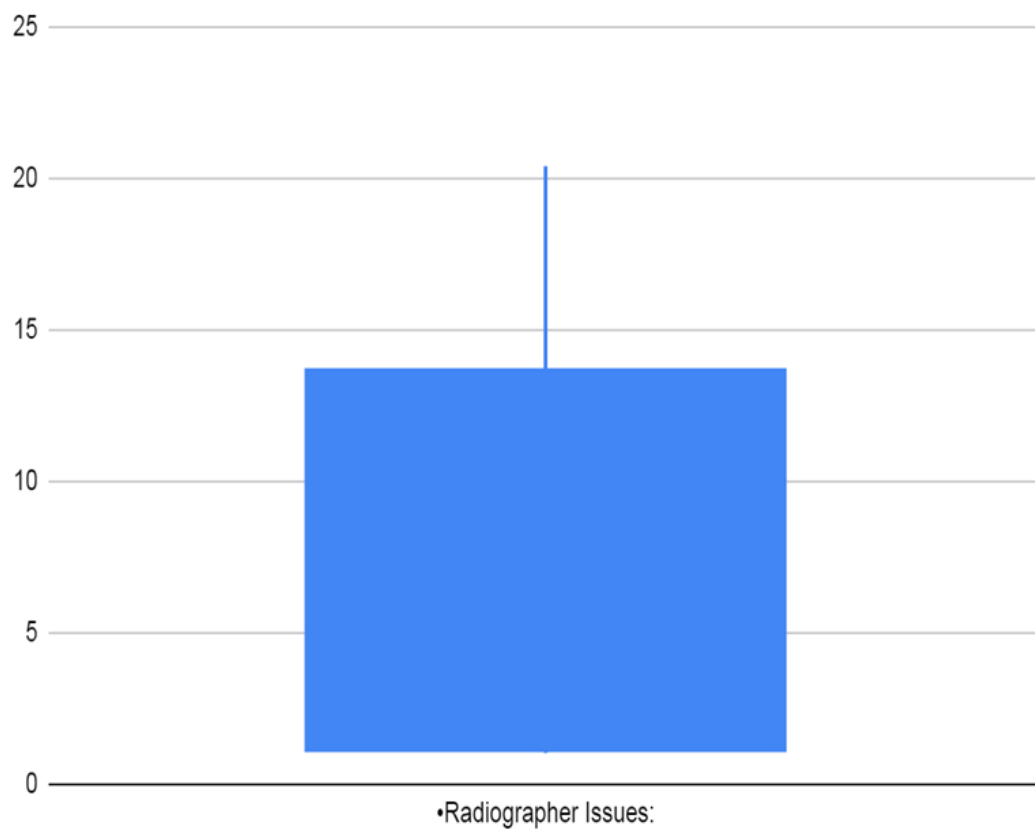

Figure 2.5.4.1 Box Plot For Radiographer Issues

- **2.5.4.2. Radiologist Delay:**

  •Mean: 1 hour, 32 minutes

  •Standard Deviation: 1 hour, 13 minutes

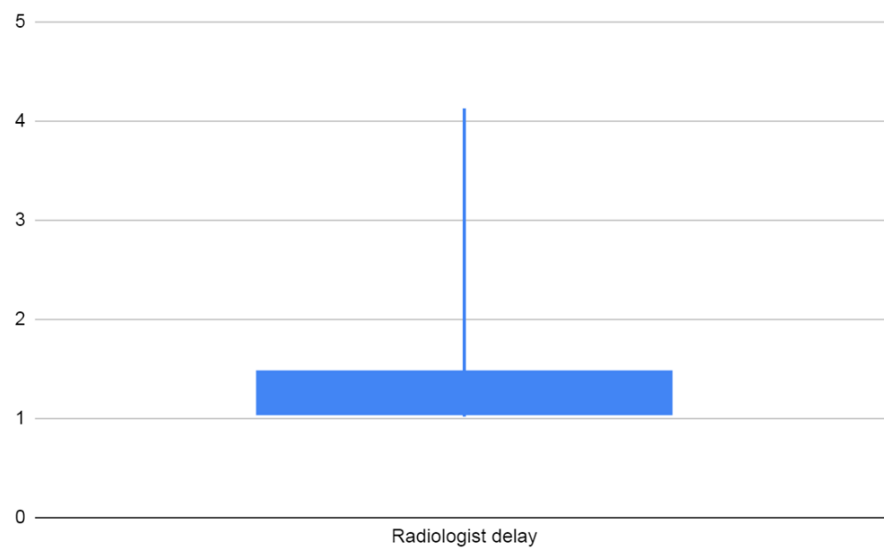 •Minimum: 1 hour, 2 minutes

  Maximum: 4 hours, 13 minutes

Figure 2.5.4.2 Box Plot Showing Radiologist Delay.

- **2.5.4.3. Upload Issues:**

    •Mean: 5 hours, 12 minutes

    •Standard Deviation: 6 hours, 38 minutes

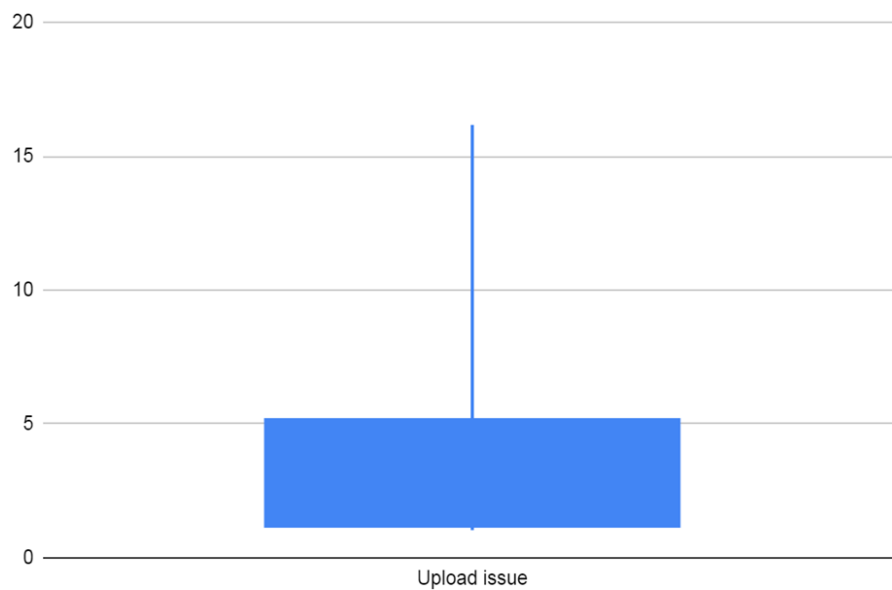   •Minimum: 1 Hour, 15 minutes

    Maximum: 16 hours, 17 minutes

Figure 2.5.4.3. Box plot showing Upload Issues

2.6. Discussion

The data provided highlights various issues that can potentially impact the turnaround time (TAT) in a radiology report. The issues identified are connectivity issues, radiographer issues, and radiologist delays. To address these issues and improve the overall efficiency of the radiology workflow, several recommendations can be made.

Connectivity Issues: Improving the infrastructure: One of the key factors contributing to connectivity issues is the underlying infrastructure. Investing in robust and reliable network infrastructure can help improve data transfer speeds and reduce connectivity problems. Upgrading network equipment, increasing bandwidth capacity, and ensuring stable internet connections can significantly minimize connectivity issues.

Optimizing file transfer processes: Implementing efficient file transfer protocols and technologies can help streamline the upload process and reduce delays caused by connectivity issues. Using compression techniques, optimizing file formats, and employing reliable file transfer methods can expedite the transmission of data, resulting in faster report generation.

Providing additional resources: Allocating sufficient resources, such as servers and storage, can enhance data handling capacity and reduce congestion during file transfers.

Adequate server capacity ensures smooth and uninterrupted data flow, minimizing the chances of connectivity issues and subsequent delays.

Regular trainings to ensure smooth and efficient uploads: Conducting regular training sessions for staff members involved in uploading reports can help enhance their technical skills and familiarity with the systems and processes. Training sessions can cover troubleshooting techniques for connectivity issues, optimizing file transfer methods, and general best practices for efficient uploads.

Radiographer Issues: Streamlining workflows: Analyzing and optimizing the radiographer workflow can identify bottlenecks and inefficiencies. Streamlining processes, such as patient scheduling, data collection, and image acquisition, can help radiographers perform their tasks more efficiently, ultimately reducing delays in report generation.
Providing adequate support: Establishing a support system for radiographers can help address any technical or operational issues they encounter during their tasks. Prompt assistance and guidance can minimize delays caused by uncertainties or difficulties in navigating the systems and equipment.

Regular trainings to ensure smooth and efficient uploads: Similar to connectivity issues, providing regular training sessions for radiographers can improve their proficiency in using the systems and equipment. Training can focus on optimizing image acquisition, understanding quality requirements, and effectively communicating with other members of the radiology team.

Radiologist Delays: Optimizing reporting systems: Implementing efficient reporting systems and tools can enhance radiologists' productivity and reduce delays in report generation. User-friendly interfaces, advanced image analysis software, and automated report generation features can streamline the reporting process and improve overall efficiency.

Improving communication channels: Establishing effective communication channels between radiologists and other stakeholders, such as referring physicians and support staff, can help eliminate delays caused by miscommunication or incomplete information. Implementing secure messaging systems, integrating electronic health records, and fostering a culture of open communication can contribute to timely and accurate report delivery.

Implementing strategies to improve efficiency and productivity: Analyzing the radiologist workflow and identifying areas for improvement can lead to strategies that enhance efficiency and productivity. This may involve optimizing task allocation, implementing worklists or prioritization systems, and providing adequate resources and support to radiologists.

In conclusion, addressing connectivity issues, radiographer issues, and radiologist delays requires a multi-faceted approach. By improving infrastructure, streamlining workflows, providing support and training, optimizing systems, and enhancing communication channels, radiology departments can work towards reducing TAT and ensuring smooth and efficient report generation processes.

This advancement in technology and workflow optimization has the power to revolutionize patient care, enabling faster and more accurate diagnoses, streamlined processes, and improved treatment outcomes. Teleradiology, when fully realized, stands as a significant boon for the healthcare industry, enhancing the scope of better treatment provided to patients and paving the way for a more efficient and effective healthcare system.

2.7. Recommendations

After analyzing the results, it is found that there is scope for improvement and a few changes can lead to better TAT in telereporting.

1. To further enhance the benefits of teleradiology and ensure its successful implementation, it is crucial to incorporate additional measures. Regular monitoring and performance tracking systems play a vital role in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of teleradiology operations. By closely monitoring key performance indicators and metrics, healthcare organizations can identify areas of improvement and make necessary adjustments to optimize the workflow.

2. Open communication and feedback channels are essential for fostering collaboration and continuous improvement. Creating an environment where radiographers, radiologists, and other stakeholders can freely communicate and provide feedback helps identify bottlenecks, address concerns, and implement necessary changes promptly.

3. The use of advanced technologies and automation tools can significantly enhance the efficiency and accuracy of teleradiology processes. Implementing cutting-edge tools such as artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms for preliminary image analysis, speech recognition software for streamlined reporting, and secure cloud-based platforms for seamless data sharing can streamline workflows and improve overall productivity.

4. Regularly reviewing and updating the reporting workflow is essential to ensure it aligns with the evolving needs of the healthcare organization and the patients. By conducting periodic assessments of the reporting process, organizations can identify areas for improvement, eliminate redundancies, and implement best practices to optimize efficiency and quality.

5. Education and training programs are crucial for equipping radiographers, radiologists, and other staff members with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in teleradiology. Continuous learning opportunities, workshops, and training sessions should be provided to ensure that all team members are proficient in using teleradiology systems, maintaining data security, and adhering to quality standards.

6. Implementing a feedback mechanism allows for ongoing evaluation and improvement of teleradiology operations. By actively seeking feedback from radiographers, radiologists, referring physicians, and other stakeholders, healthcare organizations can identify areas of success and areas that require further attention. This feedback-driven approach enables continuous refinement and optimization of teleradiology processes.

7. In summary, regular monitoring, open communication, advanced technologies, workflow reviews, education and training, and the implementation of a feedback mechanism are all crucial elements in maximizing the potential of teleradiology. By incorporating these measures, healthcare organizations can ensure smooth and efficient teleradiology operations, ultimately leading to better patient care and improved outcomes in the healthcare industry.

2.8. Conclusion

In conclusion, this study has shed light on the various challenges and opportunities associated with teleradiology. The findings highlight the significance of addressing connectivity issues, streamlining workflows, reducing radiographer issues, minimizing radiologist delays, and optimizing the overall reporting process.

To overcome connectivity issues, it is crucial to invest in improving infrastructure, optimizing file transfer processes, and providing additional resources. This will ensure seamless and efficient data transmission, enabling timely and accurate diagnoses. Streamlining workflows and providing adequate support to radiographers are essential for enhancing efficiency and productivity. Regular trainings and education programs should be implemented to keep the radiography staff updated with the latest techniques and best practices, further improving the quality of reports and patient care.

Reducing radiologist delays requires optimizing reporting systems, improving communication channels, and implementing strategies to enhance efficiency. By streamlining the reporting workflow and utilizing advanced technologies, radiologists can expedite the interpretation and reporting process, leading to faster diagnoses and improved patient outcomes.

It is also crucial to address upload issues by implementing strategies such as optimizing file transfer processes, providing technical support, and conducting regular trainings to ensure smooth and efficient uploads. By minimizing upload issues, healthcare organizations can enhance the overall teleradiology experience for both patients and healthcare professionals.

Furthermore, regular monitoring and performance tracking, open communication and feedback, use of advanced technologies, regular review and update of the reporting workflow, education and training, and implementing a feedback mechanism are all important factors in maximizing the benefits of teleradiology.

Overall, teleradiology has the potential to revolutionize the healthcare industry by providing access to expert radiological services regardless of geographical barriers. By addressing the identified challenges and implementing the recommended strategies, teleradiology can significantly enhance the scope and quality of treatment provided to patients. If fully achieved, teleradiology will undoubtedly be a boon for the healthcare industry, enabling improved patient care, faster diagnoses, and more efficient healthcare delivery.

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