

## Use of local RVUs could aid CT unit management

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(HealthDay)—There is considerable variation in computed tomography

(CT) radiologists' reporting workload across different tests, with a corresponding need for methods that normalize radiologist work to address reporting workload, according to a study published online July 11 in the *Journal of Medical Imaging and Radiation Oncology*.

Jose Miguel Dora, M.D., Ph.D., from the Hospital de Clínicas de Porto Alegre in Brazil, and colleagues studied all CT orders from July 2013 to February 2015 at an 850-bed tertiary care hospital. The Radiology Information System was queried and the authors obtained the type of examination and radiologists' reporting times (RRTs). Local relative value units (L-RVUs) were calculated for different examinations based on RRTs; the L-RVUs were compared with the U.S.-Medicare/Medicaid RVUs (US-RVUs).

The researchers identified 42,382 occurrences for 24 tests. Fifteen of the tests had a sample size of  $\geq 100$ . The nine tests with number of occurrences

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