



### Clinical Scenario

Hospitalist is getting ready to discharge a patient with COPD.

- Course has been uncomplicated, but family requested MRI of the R Knee for chronic pain that has been going on for over a year.
- The hospitalist had decided to "be nice" and ordered MRI.
- Noticed that CareGauge flipped to **RED** (meaning patient is >115% for expected utilization)



### Radiology Reviewed

- Notices that MRI of the Lower Extremity costs \$317 and is rarely seen on patients with COPD.
- Also, anticipates that this will probably delay discharge by 8-12 hours (and maybe even overnight).



Description	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Usage Frequency
Chest 2 views	1	\$55.05	\$55.05	83%
Chest single view	2	\$39.72	\$79.44	98%
MRI lower extremity w/o contrast	1	\$317.49	\$317.49	2%

### ACTION TAKEN: Cancels MRI

- Calls PCP to let her know about the chronic knee pain.
- PCP appreciates the call.
- Discusses with family that we are not going to get MRI in the hospital, as it may mean that the patient would have to stay another night in the hospital.
- Let's them know that she spoke with PCP, and they are going to arrange this as an outpatient.
- Patient and Family are happy.



Radiology category and overall CareGauge utilization flip back to the **GREEN**

