

# Required Diagnostic Imaging Views

## Hip and Knee Central Intake & Rapid Access Clinics

**X-ray images** are required to make referrals to the Hip and Knee Rapid Access Clinics (RACs). MRIs and ultrasounds **are not** recommended. “The diagnosis of knee or hip osteoarthritis can be effectively made based upon the patient’s history, physical examination and plain radiography. Ordering MRI scans incurs further waiting times for patients, can cause unnecessary anxiety while waiting for specialist consultation, and can delay MRI imaging for appropriate patients.” *Choosingwiselycanada.org/orthopedics*

### ***When making a referral to the Hip and Knee RAC please:***

- ***Provide the following x-ray views/reports completed within the last 3 months with your referrals***
- ***Remind your patients to bring the images to their RAC appointment on a CD***

## Required Knee Views

- AP weight bearing bilateral knees
- Lateral of knee flexed at 30° bilateral knees
- Skyline view bilateral knees
- PA standing flexion

## Required Hip Views

- AP pelvis
- AP of affected hip
- Lateral of affected hip

For more information about the Hip and Knee Central Intake & Rapid Access Clinics, please visit <http://www.mhcentralintake.com/>.