There are several different types of report flags, each with a specific intended purpose.

Flag to be used in the report		What this flag means
!!	Two exclamation	Excellent report – this is to be used by a faculty
	points	member who wants to identify a report as
		particularly well done. The email with the
		attached report will go to the resident/fellow.
**	Two asterisks	Resident/fellow self review – this is to be used
		by a resident or fellow to identify a report that
		he or she would like to see after it is edited and
		finalized by faculty. The email with the attached
		report will go to the resident/fellow. This is not
		a faculty flag.
::	Two colons	Faculty recommended resident/fellow review –
		this is to be used by a faculty member who
		wants a resident or fellow to see how the report
		was edited. The email with the attached report
		will go to the resident/fellow.
:::	Three colons	Faculty recommended resident/fellow review
		with comments – this is to be used by a faculty
		member who wants a resident/fellow to see
		how the report was edited. The email with the
		attached report will go to the faculty member,
		who will then forward it to the resident/fellow
		along with comments indicating why the report
		was flagged.

All flags must be entered into the report as the very last line of the impression, and nothing else should be on the line with the flag. Flags that are buried into the text of the report or appear on a line with other text will be missed.

Each evening, Report Compare will search the day's work for reports that have the flags listed above. The program will compare the preliminary and final versions and create the compare document. The compared reports will go to the appropriate recipients as text documents that can be reviewed. As noted above, reports flagged with !!, **, or :: will be returned directly to the resident/fellow. Reports flagged as ::: will be returned to the attending who will be responsible for typing comments into the e-mail and forwarding it to the resident/fellow.