

**SUNY DOWNSTATE MEDICAL CENTER
UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL OF BROOKLYN
POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

X-Ray-12

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Subject: WOMEN OF CHILD BEARING AGE

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Related Policies No. RAD-6

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I. PURPOSE:

To ensure that special precautions are maintained when performing imaging studies on women of childbearing age.

II. DEFINITION

None

III. POLICY

Radiology Department will maintain special precautions to avoid inadvertent irradiation of a fetus.

IV. RESOPNSIBILITIES

Radiology Department

V. PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

A. Before starting any imaging procedure on any female patients of **CHILD BEARING AGE** , The technologist must ask for the date of her last menstrual period and if there is any chance of pregnancy . **The patient's response must be documented in RIS.**

- ***If the patient replies "YES" the technologist must confer with a Radiologist, who will decide if the examination should proceed. The radiologist may decide to confer with the ordering physician prior to making a final decision.***

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- ***If the Patient replies “ Not certain” the technologist must inform the radiologist who may contact the ordering physician and inform them of the possible pregnancy. The ordering physician may decide to perform a UCG . The exam will not proceed until the tests results are confirmed and a decision has been made by the clinician to proceeed with the exam.***
- ***If the patient replies “NO” the exam will proceed as ordered.***
- ***All female Patients regardless of age, will be provided a much protective apparel as possible.***

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

None

VII. REASON FOR REVISION:

Review

VII. REFERENCES:

- *RAD-6 Radiology Patient Safety*
- *TJC Standards*

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