Subject: HOLDING PATIENTS

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I. PURPOSE

To ensure that patients are not physically held during a Radiological procedure

DEFINITION

None

II. POLICY

Radiology Department does not permit anyone to hold a patient during an examination.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

All Radiology Staff

IV. PROCEDURES /GUIDELINES

The Department of Radiology will follow protective safety measures in order to keep the patient safe and secure during a procedure. The department is committed to maintaining personal exposure to as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA).

1. The Department of Radiology does not assign personnel to hold patients or any type of X-ray equipment during the time of exposure.
2. When it is necessary, mechanical supporting devices will be used to safely hold the patient. Refer to P/P X-ray 11.

- Only persons required for the radiographic procedure will be allowed in the radiographic room during exposure.
- Except for the patient, all persons required to remain in the exam room during an exposure i.e. Fluoroscopy will be equipped with appropriate shielding devices such as protective gloves, protective apron, glasses, etc.

V. ATTACHMENTS

None

VI. REASON FOR REVISION

Review

VIII. REFERENCES

- Joint Commission Standards
- UHB Policy RAD-6 Radiology Patient Safety
- RST-01 Restraint for Medical/Surgical (Non-behavioral/Non-violent) Management

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