

POLICY C9- Student Supervision

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- I. Policy: All students enrolled in the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging are required to follow the student supervision policy as defined in Standard 4: Objectives 4.4 and 4.5 by the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT).
- II. Purpose: To ensure patient safety and proper educational practices.
- III. Policy Detail: *Until a student achieves and documents competency in any given procedure, all clinical assignments shall be carried out under the direct supervision of qualified radiographers.*
- IV. Definitions: According to the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology.

Direct Supervision – JRCERT Standard 4.4: The JRCERT defines direct supervision as student supervision by a qualified radiographer who:

- Reviews the procedure in relation to the student's achievement,
 - Evaluates the condition of the patient in relation to the student's knowledge,
 - Is physically present during the conduct of the procedure, and
 - Reviews and approves the procedure and/or image.
- V. Policy Detail: *Once a student achieves and documents competency in any given procedure, all clinical assignments shall be carried out under the indirect supervision of qualified radiographers.*

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Indirect Supervision – JRCERT Standard 4.5: The JRCERT defines indirect supervision as that supervision provided by a qualified radiographer immediately available to assist students regardless of the level of student achievement. “Immediately available” is interpreted as the physical presence of a qualified radiographer adjacent to the room or location where a radiographic procedure is being performed. This availability applies to all areas where ionizing radiation equipment is in use on patients.

VI. Pediatric Policy: *POLICY ON STUDENTS PERFORMING RADIOGRAPHIC EXAMINATIONS ON **PEDIATRIC PATIENTS.***

1. First and second semester students may **NOT** perform any radiographic examination on patients under the age of eighteen (18) years without **DIRECT** supervision by a qualified radiographer or physician.
2. Third through fifth semester students may perform radiographic examinations on pediatric patients seven (7) years of age or older with **INDIRECT** supervision providing they have successfully completed the equivalent clinical competency. (e.g., in order to do a foot series on a ten year old with indirect supervision, the student must first pass their clinical competencies in pediatric extremity and an adult foot series.) The student **must** discuss the examination with a qualified radiographer or radiologist before bringing the patient into the exam room. The qualified radiographer or radiologist will decide whether or not to allow the student to perform the exam with indirect supervision.
3. Third through fifth semester students may only perform radiographic examinations on patients six (6) years of age or younger with **DIRECT** supervision, regardless of whether or not they have passed the same clinical competency.

VII. Disclaimers:

- a. Nothing in this policy creates a contractual relationship between Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital School of Medical Imaging (SOMI) and any party. SOMI, in its sole discretions, reserves the right to amend, terminate or discontinue this policy at any time, with or without advance notice.

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VIII. Version Control

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