

Operating & Safety Procedures
for
Mammography

- ⌘ Mammography equipment shall be operated by a technologist specifically trained in mammography.
- ⌘ Doors shall be closed during exposures.
- ⌘ Operators shall fully stand behind a protective barrier during exposures.
- ⌘ Visual and audible contact with the patient shall be maintained at all times.
- ⌘ Only individuals required for the exam shall be in the mammography suite during an exposure.
- ⌘ If a patient must be held during an exposure, ask a family member to assist before asking another technologist.
- ⌘ Holders shall be provided with appropriate protective lead aprons and shall be positioned such that exposure is minimized and no unprotected body parts are exposed.
- ⌘ If dosimetry is used the technologist will wear the dosimetry badge at all times when performing mammography procedures.
- ⌘ No pregnant women or persons under 18 years of age will be permitted to hold patients.
- ⌘ Personnel will be rotated such that no one person holds patients regularly.
- ⌘ A technique chart shall be used and posted near the console. The chart should show exposure factors appropriate for the size and density of the breast, implant, or tissue specimens.
- ⌘ Agency Form X Notice to Employees, and Form 100 Notice of Where Documents can be Examined shall be posted in an area visible to all radiation workers.
- ⌘ Only properly trained and authorized personnel shall be allowed to install, repair, and maintain the equipment used to conduct mammography procedures.

**Chapter 420-3-26-.03 (5)(a & c) of the Rules of State Board of Health
Office of Radiation Control State of Alabama states that each registrant shall develop,
document, and implement a radiation protection program and at intervals not to exceed
12 months, review the radiation protection program content and implementation.**

Radiation Protection Program reviewed:

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