

Radiation Protection Program

1. Review and document radiographic technique settings, update technique charts as necessary. Technique charts for medical facilities should include precise settings for each body part measured in centimeters.
2. Review standard operating procedures with x-ray staff. Confirm that each employee has read and comprehended the radiation safety procedures prior to operating the equipment.
3. Review personnel monitoring records if provided.
4. Evaluate the condition of the protective equipment, i.e., lead aprons, lead gloves, gonadal shields, etc.
5. Check required employee postings.
6. Document employee training.
7. Check intensifying screens in film cassettes, clean screens routinely with anti-static screen cleaner, replace screens if deterioration is observed.
8. Review the film processor maintenance records, inspect for proper operation.

Safety Procedures in Podiatry Practices

1. Expose patients to x-rays only when ordered, in writing or verbally, by a practitioner of podiatric medicine. Routine or standing orders are acceptable if approved by the practitioner.
2. The clinician positions the x-ray tube and the patient so that the x-ray beam will not be pointed at the clinician during the x-ray exposure.
3. The clinician positions himself behind a protective barrier or stands a minimum of six feet away from the patient during any x-ray exposure.
4. Clinicians never hold a film or hold the x-ray tube during any x-ray exposure.
5. No one other than the patient is in the room during any x-ray exposure.

***All Operators read and sign once a year.**